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Lisa the Friendly Elk—A lover of animals, 11-year-old Katherine Nicholas of Campbellford was captivated by the friendly manner of Lisa, the six-year-old elk cow. Here Katherine introduces Lisa to Marie Locke of Campbellford. photo/Rolly Ethier. See story page 12.

Mortgage burning ceremony signals end of church debt

By Eldon Kemp

Madoc—The congregation of the Madoc Wesleyan & Free Methodist Church will bid a final farewell on Sunday, Mar. 6 to the debt incurred during a \$350,000 renovation and expansion project in 1998-99.

During the 11 a.m. service of celebration, officials of the church will send up in smoke a page representing the mortgage papers. The ceremony follows the complete repayment of the debt in February, 14 years ahead of schedule.

The project involved an approximate doubling of the size of the church building, located at 137 Elgin St., just east of Centre Hastings Sec-

ondary School. On the main floor, a new sanctuary overflow area, which also serves as a multi-purpose room, was built, along with a new foyer, nursery, pastor's office church office, and handicapped-accessible washroom.

In the lower level, a new fellowship hall which can seat 200 at tables, and a new server were built. The basement level also includes a new youth room.

Several members of the congregation, along with others from neighbouring churches, volunteered to work along with the main contractor, in an effort to keep costs down. Local suppliers and tradespeople sharp-

ened their pencils to provide the best possible prices.

By the time the project was completed, the people had given more than \$160,000 toward the cost. Another \$175,000 was borrowed with a 20-year payback period, but through generous and sacrificial giving, the debt was erased in only six years. Substantial gifts from the estates of Lena Rose and Rachael Robinson helped to accomplish the accelerated amortization.

Two former pastors of the church, Rev. Lawrence Mack of Arnprior, and Rev. W. Gerald Donnell of Marlbank, will be on hand for Sunday's service.

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From the heart of Madoc Legion to the heart of the Hospice

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc—Margaret Webber, Chairperson for the Hastings Hospice gratefully accepted a cheque for from the Madoc Legion Branch 363 last week.

"The Heart of Hastings Hospice offers friendly people with life threatening illnesses in the Madoc, Stirling and Tweed areas," Margaret Webber said that the support from the Madoc Legion would be a support to a vital need in these areas. Shaking she added, "We thank you for your generosity. It is to a good cause."

President of the Madoc Legion Branch 363 commended that the donation was made to the organization, "in recognition of the important community work that organ provides and to assist them in continuing their work."

Vice President John Atkinson for the Madoc Legion piped the good work done by the Heart of Hastings Hospice and intimated that the service provided by the organization is close to the hearts of everyone, adding believe in their cause."

Hospice provides care and support to the terminally ill and bereavement support to family and friends.

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385 Royal Canadian Army Cadets receive five year honourable service medal

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc—Three members of the 385 Royal Canadian Army Cadets received a newly commissioned medal of years of continuous service last Monday evening at headquarters at Madoc.

"In the spirit of recognition, The Army Cadet League of Canada created a service medal for cadets who achieve years of honourable service in the Army Cadet Movement. This gives us a special opportunity to honour and recognize all the young Canadians who have committed themselves with determination to this youth movement." Continuing Officer Captain Roy Matachekie congratulated the three Cadets with the 385 Corps.

The medal received by C.W.O. Doug Neale, Warrant Officer Redding and Sgt. Danielle Stapely is suspended by a ribbon with red and gold bands on each side, the official

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through one to one volunteer visiting. Hospice care and support can be given in the family residence or in a long term care facility. Hospice also has some equipment that can be loaned to families.

The Heart of Hastings Hos-

pice is governed by a 16 member board and the programme is carried out by trained, non-medical Volunteers.

Any person interested in becoming a Volunteer may telephone: 1 800 345-7814.



Margaret Webber, Chairperson for the Heart of Hastings Hospice gratefully accepted a cheque for \$500 from the Madoc Legion last Monday evening. The Heart of Hastings Hospice offers friendly visits to people with life threatening illness for people from Madoc, Marmora, Tweed and Stirling areas. Madoc Branch 363, Royal Canadian Legion has donated \$500 to the Heart of Hastings Hospice, (headquartered in Madoc at the Centre Hastings Medical Centre) in recognition of the important community work that organization provides and to assist them in continuing their work. photo: L.J. Jackson

Future Centurions get a taste of what CHSS has to offer

By Student Correspondent
Ana Sniderhan

February introduces the beginning of Semester Two, and a new generation of future CHSS Centurions getting their first official introduction to their future home. Grade 8 students from Madoc, Marmora, Tweed and Stirling took a trip to Centre Hastings Secondary School for a full day of acquainting themselves with the school through various interactive activities. The day began with an introduction by Mrs. Janice Bontor, Head of Guidance at CHSS, and Mr. Grant Montgomery, Principal of CHSS, followed by a slide show that highlighted the diverse range of opportunities that are in store for the upcoming grade 9 class, both inside the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Grade 8's were also given brief presentations by student representatives from a number of leadership groups including Student Council, Athletic Council, Mu-

sic Council, and Coffee House just to name a few.

The grade 8's were then whisked away into groups lead by CHSS student leaders for a tour of the school, stopping by classrooms from each department along the way, getting quick introductions to some of the CHSS staff who will be their teachers in the year to come. Everyone proceeded back to the cafeteria and was treated to a delicious lunch consisting of a variety of popular foods that students will enjoy next year including burgers, subs, salads, and a full compliment of beverages.

The afternoon hosted departmental visits as students engaged in "The Amazing Centurion Race", modeled after the popular TV show "The Amazing Race". CHSS's re-creation of the popular challenge was complete with theme music, detours and passports, as students trav-

eled around to nine destinations within the school, each with its own challenge that the group had to complete. Challenges resembled the types of interactive activities that students could expect as they apply their knowledge in the various subject areas. Students sketched and performed tableaux in the Art Department, competed in a scooter obstacle course in the Phys Ed Department, and took part in the English Department's game show "So You Want to be an English Student", as well as other activities in Geography, Technology, Languages, Science, and Business and Computer Studies.

The students expressed that they enjoyed the experience thoroughly and were impressed by what they had seen; many were unaware of the vast selection of courses that are offered and the extraordinary facilities

that CHSS has, as well as the many leadership groups that students can be involved in. Students were encouraged to see that the teachers are interesting and approachable, and have good relationships with the students, as well as the enthusiasm that was exhibited by everyone involved.

CHSS is looking forward to the 2005-06 school year when this new energetic group of Centurions will become some of the familiar faces seen walking through the halls of our school. Grade 8 parents will get even more information about the many exciting educational opportunities that are offered at CHSS through the Parent Information Night. CHSS students and staff encourage the incoming Grade 8 class to catch the spirit early, and get ready for an exciting year!

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Newspapers, a brief history

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But, tradition will not be forgotten. We'll have a feature every week taken from our extensive archives, a photograph of people, places or events from the past. To ensure that this section is of interest to YOU, we invite submission of school pictures or special events that were important to the community... the opening of a new public building, a photograph of a public figure who visited, the fish you caught when you were eight years old, your baseball or hockey team. If you've forgotten some of the names of your fellow students in that class photograph from the 1930s, perhaps other readers will recognize themselves and send a short Letter to the Editor identifying themselves and others whose names you've forgotten. It's your community newspaper. We count on you to tell us what you like about our new look or what you would like to see in future editions.

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2nd - Musher Tim McEwen of Eldorado finished in second place with a time of 5:15:59



3rd - Dennis Parks of Millbridge finished third with a time of 5:38:15. This was Dennis' first race.

The Centre Hastings Sled Dog Challenge

Feb. 8, 1989 - Marmora Sled Dog Races were cancelled, and as a result, twenty-seven mushers entered the quickly devised 52 mile Centre Hastings Sled dog Challenge for their first annual races. The six member committee included Don McEwen, Doug and Linda Campbell, Bob and Jane Burrell and Al Moorecroft.

Letters to the editor

Thanks to the Heart & Stroke Volunteers

How shameful it is to see negative comments regarding our wonderful volunteers in this community who are knowledgeable about the reason they are giving their time and talents to help others.

Those of us who have experienced the problems associated with Heart and/or Stroke know full well the benefits we receive as the result of monies

collected from generous and caring citizens.

Research, which is constantly discovering ways to improve our way of life, uses 50% of the monies collected. Health Promotion (TV, radio newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, community programs, etc.) helps all of us willing to listen and 29% of total funds are spent here. Fundraising and administration only takes 21%. We encourage and thank our wonderful volunteers!

Wilma Bush
Marmora

Thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion

We would like to publicly thank the members of the Royal Canadian Legion for their organization and generous sponsorship of the recent Public Speaking Competition. You are providing a wonderful opportunity for the children of our community.

Our children have taken part in this competition for several years. We are always amazed at the variety of topics, the amount of research and the enthusiasm

with which the contestants deliver their speeches.

These children truly ARE all winners. These participants gain the self confidence to speak publicly and also learn to be "good sports".

The support from their friends, family and all who attend, must be a terrific boost to their self esteem.

Children with these qualities will make significant contributions to our community in the future. Thank you Royal Canadian Legion for your dedication to this event.

John and Eadie Steele
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Genealogy workshops

The Kawartha Ancestral Research Association (KARA) will hold a first genealogy workshop covering an introduction to genealogy, an overview of vital statistics and civil registrations from 10 am until noon on Mar. 12 at its offices at 926 High Street in Peterborough.

Admission is free but because space is limited pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (705) 743-7668.

A second workshop on genealogy resources will be held the following week on Mar. 19. This session will look at census, marriage and cemetery records, city directories, newspapers, local histories and atlases.

On the Street Question of the week

What is the greatest attraction at Madoc for tourists?



"It is peaceful and quiet here. Everyone we have met has been very kind."

Ken Cunningham



"The lake and the SkatePark. My nephew wants to come here more because of the 'SkatePark'."

Chris Sibley



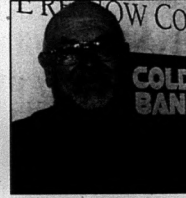
"The lake and the cottage area."

Allan Firth



"Right now, Tim Hortons."

Nicole MacPherson



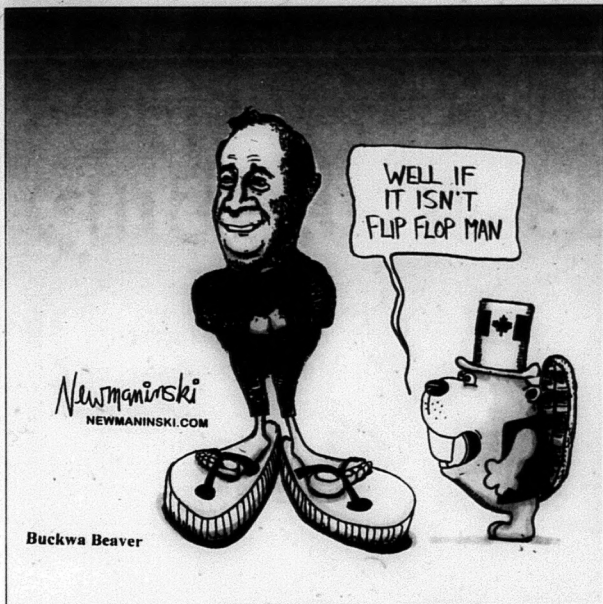
"Madoc is the central hub of it all. There is a good cross section of businesses. Real Estate brings people to the area and the lake is a great attraction."

Jim Denison



"I moved here because there is no pollution and the lake. It's handy for fishing. It's quieter with a slower pace and cheaper."

Douglas Wood



Buckwa Beaver

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Guest speaker will be Rev. Robert Quick, Network Leader of the Free Methodist Church, and pastor of the church in Marmora. The current pastor, Rev. Linda J. Dixon, will conduct the service.

The original Madoc church was opened in 1966 by the Wesleyans. In 1971, the local Free Methodist Church, which had its roots in the Holiness Movement Church, merged with the Wesleyan Church.

Madoc Legion 363 ever stalwart



Madoc Branch 363, Royal Canadian Legion through the generosity of its members, the Legion and the community raised close to \$1,000, which was recently sent to the Salvation Army for aid of Tsunami victims. In the photo: President Ron Butcher and Vice President John Atkinson were pleased with the efforts of all Canadians. photo: L.J. Jackson

Decision to cut comes from growing "Locks for Love"

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc - Locks of Love is a non profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children, in Canada and the US, suffering from any type of medical hair loss.

Cathy Cassidy of Madoc has had her "Crystal Gale" look since she was twelve years old. On March the 5th, she has a date with the scissors at Studio 237 in Belleville. Her 46 inch long locks will provide hair for a young person.

Locks for Love organization meets a unique need for children suffering from long term medical hair loss, by the donations of hair creating the highest quality hair prosthetics. The wigs are used for children who suffer from long-term medical hair loss, particularly those with the autoimmune disease Alo-

pecia areata, for which there is no known cause or cure. The prostheses help to restore self-esteem and confidence, enabling children to face the world and their peers.

Hair Donation Guidelines:

1. We accept 10" minimum hair length (tip to tip), however, longer lengths, especially blonde, black, and red are in greatest demand.
2. We do not accept wigs, falls or synthetic hair.
3. Please bundle hair in ponytail or braid.
4. Hair needs to be clean, dry, placed in a plastic bag, then padded envelope.
5. We need hair from men and women, young and old, all colors and races.
6. Hair may be colored or permed, but not bleached or chemically damaged (if unsure,

ask your stylist).

7. Hair swept off the floor is not usable.

8. Hair cut years ago is usable if it has been stored in a ponytail or braid.

9. Hair that is short, gray, or unsuitable for children will be separated from the ponytails and sold at fair market value to offset the cost of manufacturing.

10. You may pull curly hair straight to measure the minimum 10".

11. The majority of all hair donated comes from children who wish to help other children.

12. Layered hair may be divided into multiple ponytails for donation.

13. Please note: Anyone can cut your hair as long as the above guidelines are followed.



Cathy Cassidy of Madoc has her Crystal Gale look, since she was twelve years old. Only a hairdresser for trims, she has maintained the calf length hair. Her decision to make a date with the scissors could not have been made without thought. However, the decision allows the likelihood of three wigs be made and donated to "Locks of Love", a charity organization provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of eighteen with medical loss. photo: L.J. Jackson

Local business man sells business and is going to be more active because of it

James, (Jim) Denison, who has been serving the community in the Real Estate business, both in Madoc and Tweed area, for the past quarter of a decade has chosen to sell his active real estate business.

Now that he will not have the owner responsibilities, it will give him even more time to be active in the community in real estate sales, Jim indicates that the change from Remax to Coldwell Banker EKORT Realty, is a step in a more dynamic direction for the community, as well as for himself.

Jim has been a person, who has brought many people into the real estate profession in both the Madoc and Tweed areas and has provided them with expert

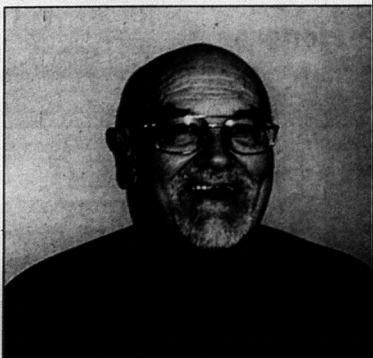
training and guidance, which has added up to success. He feels that this professionalism will provide excellent service to clients with his own personal service.

Jim Denison has sold his business to Real Estate Broker, Jamie Troke of Belleville and has changed the name of the company from Remax to Coldwell Banker EKORT Realty. The modern offices are still located at 167 Durham St. Madoc, (old Dixie Lee building), and at 7 Victoria St. South, Tweed.

Jim will be working full time in real estate sales from the Madoc location and will also be the new company's Sales Manager for all their offices. Jim says he is eager to help anyone who is interested in a career in

real estate as well as use his experience to help clients buying

or selling. For further information call Jim at 473-4225.



Jim Denison Sales Manager Coldwell Banker

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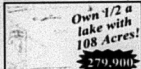
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thing? And who will be the next Rapunzel? Are all those parents pushing their children too hard? And what will those Journalists actually say about it all?

And finally, will you be in it? Westben invites you to audition! If you can sing, act and maybe dance a bit of hip hop, and if you'd like to be a part of a world premiere musical, we'd love to meet you! We are looking for people between the ages of 7 and 97 for a variety of roles as well as chorus. In addition to the "Tower Youth" (youth chorus, ages 7-17), we are seeking Reporters, Parents, 4 Technicians, Zelda (Young Rapunzel), Joy the Rapper and Eve (Zelda's mother). Understudies are also required for Prince, Madame Whicher, Matt and Rapunzel.

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WHAT: Auditions for Westben's musical Rapunzel

WHO: Anyone from the age of 7 to 97

WHEN: Auditions will be held March 8, 9 and 10

HOW: Call the Box Office: 1-877-883-5777 or 653-5508

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Barnyard merriment "Babe" coming to Stirling Theatre

Assistant Stage Manager and Head of Props, Donna Moorman has started a whole new business, putting together over 30 masks for the up coming theatre production "Babe" at the Stirling Theatre during March Break. The Stirling Theatre March Break Young Company will be performing the hit based on the novel by Dick King-Smith, the beloved movie adapted for the stage, complete with singing mice, a wacky duck and all the other barnyard animals. This production also includes a sign language interpreted performance that is "an amazing experience for everyone." A company of twelve talented

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Trent River—The Trent Hills Branch of The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints is hosting an Irish Concert on the evening of Friday, March 11 at 7:30 pm.

The event is free, refreshments will be provided and everybody who loves Irish music is welcome to attend.

Joel Carmichael of Norwood will be the host which includes a little story telling and lots of singing. Song sheets will be handed out so those who love to sing can join in singing the choruses of several songs. Special guest, Mike Boyd, an authentic Irishman living in Trenton will also be featured. The Church is on highway 30 just south of the Trent River bridge.

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Tuition aid available for Leadership Program participants

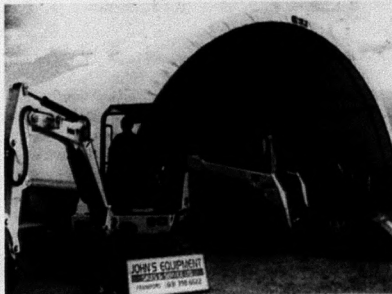
Guelph – Applicants for Class Eleven of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) now have two sources of funding available to help them pay their tuition fees. A 5% Early Application Credit will be applied against the tuition of all accepted candidates who submitted applications by March 18, 2005. An additional 10% Primary Producer Credit will be given to full-time farmers, provided their applications are submitted by the same date.

Primary producers and Northern Ontario residents may also apply for the Rob McLaughlin Awards in Agricultural Leadership. These awards, donated by the University of Guelph's Ontario Agricultural College Alumni Foundation in recognition of Dr. Rob McLaughlin's support of agricultural leadership, provide up to 25% (\$1875 maximum) tuition credit, payable over the two years of the

program. Application forms are available through the AALP Office at (519) 826-4204.

With a proven 20-year track record of developing more effective leaders for the Ontario agri-food sector, tuition for AALP Class 11 is \$7500. Tuition paid by participants account for 25% of the cost of operating the program. The remaining 75% of the cost is covered through contributions from Partners, Sponsors and Donors, whose financial commitment has never been at a higher level.

Anyone interested in applying to Class Eleven is encouraged to call the AALP Office at (519) 826-4204 or to visit the AALP website – www.aalp.on.ca to get an application kit now. Applications for the Rob McLaughlin Awards in Agricultural Leadership are also available from the office. Completed applications must



Farming is not what it used to be with outdoor stadiums for horses and storage, but the spirit of the farmer remains the same. photo: L.J. Jackson

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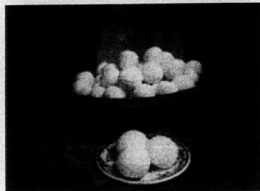
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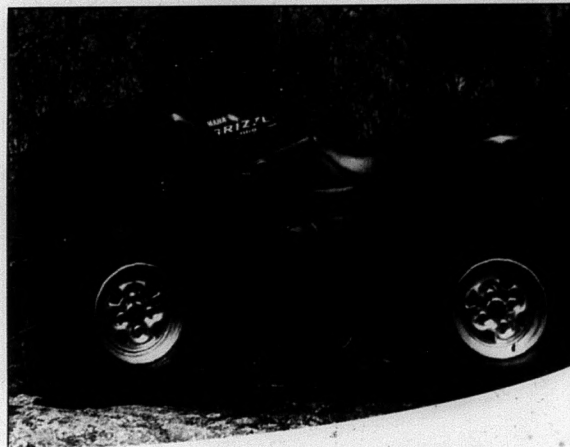
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(NC) – On average, 115 people are killed and another 1,500 are seriously injured by farm-related incidents in Canada each year. Almost half of these incidents are caused by farm machinery and over a third involve children under 15 or adults over 65. It is estimated that farmers are five times more likely to be killed through occupation-related accidents than workers in all other industries. Agriculture also has the highest rate of disabling injuries among all other industries.

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FARMFEST 2005

A Salute to the Farming Industry

Farm safety is in the details

By Theresa Whalen-Rutter

(NC) - "Safety is in the details" is the theme of Cana-

an Agricultural Safety Week (CASW), March 9-15, 2005. The campaign examines the

physical considerations of farm work with a special focus on seniors and what can be done

to reduce the risks of injuries and fatalities.

The message "Safety is in the details" emphasizes the importance of farmers telling someone where he or she is working and what time he or she should be back. In Canada, 61% of farms are run by single operators which means the farmer is routinely working alone. Even with larger family partnership operations, farmers often work in isolation - it's just the nature of the business. Unfortunately over half of fatal incidents happen while the victim is work-

ing alone. Some of the deaths could have been prevented if the victim had been located earlier. It doesn't hurt to check up on farmers and farm workers, but it could hurt a great deal if you don't. Safety is in the details.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is delivered by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) through the generous support of Farm Credit Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food

Canada. More information on Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is available at www.cfa-fca.ca.

On average, 115 people are killed and another 1,500 are seriously injured by farm-related incidents in Canada each year - and many more minor injuries are never even reported. The cost to our economy for agricultural injuries is estimated at between \$200 and \$300 million annually, according to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program.

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Impact of Agriculture on the Economy

The Agri-Food Industry

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Primary agriculture accounts for over 24% of the \$70 billion generated by the agri-food industry. This represents 2.2% of Canada's GDP. Allied food industries, such as food and beverage processing and the agri-food service sector (retail, wholesale and food service industries) account for the remainder.

The importance of primary agriculture and food and beverage processing sectors varies greatly from one region and province to another. For example, in 1996 these sectors accounted for 12.5% of the GDP in Saskatchewan, but 4.2% of GDP in Quebec and Ontario. However, the economies of Quebec and Ontario are the largest in Canada. These two provinces contribute more than 56.2% of the nation's agri-food production and approximately 70.6% of the country's food processing.



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praiser can determine where your trees or plants fall under these categories.

While it's impossible to prevent storms, accidents, and air pollution from causing damage to your trees and plants, it is possible to recapture your landscape losses through an insurance claim, or as a deduction from federal income taxes, advises ISA.

If your trees and landscape are damaged, ISA recommends that you:

- Contact your homeowner's insurance company.
- Have the insurance company send a professional tree and landscaping appraiser out to your property immediately after

the damage has occurred.

- Have the appraiser determine your financial loss, including the cost of removal and repair.
- Contact a local ISA Certified Arborist if repair or replacement is needed.

Just as you would with any other valuable asset, document your investment in landscaping to help establish its worth. ISA suggests taking pictures of trees and plants while they are healthy to make insurance processing simpler with "before and after" examples.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a non-profit organization supporting

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By Rolly Either

Bancroft---It was an unprecedented opportunity to see Ontario's transplanted elk from Alberta in the wild, so 62 people piled into two buses at Madoc for the exceptional viewing at Joe Neuhold's cottage north of Bancroft.

But it was an experience that once again fanned the flames of controversy. The argument continues between the purists who insist the elk should be left to fend for themselves in their own natural environment and others who believe these magnificent creatures need a little help to get them through the harsh winter.

In the middle are the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Quinte chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, which sponsored the Sunday afternoon viewing of the famed Hartsmere Herd as a fundraiser.

Rick Rosatte, a senior research scientist with the MNR, says the Ministry frowns on the feeding

because it doesn't want to see the animals become too reliant on human help.

However, Rosatte fully supports the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's first-time viewing experiment of the restoration herd. A little town in Pennsylvania has an elk-viewing program that is a tourism bonanza grossing \$1 million a year. There are those in the region who believe Bancroft can reprise that success.

The 76-year-old Neuhold, the self-styled Elk Man, has assumed the job of caring for the Hartsmere herd of about 38 elk, which basically haven't moved very far away from his door all winter. Joe is the custodian of some 2,000 acres of prime woodland near the north end of Weslemkoon Lake owned by German industrialist Klaus Reimold. The latter generally makes only one two-week visit a year to his large chalet close to the cabin where Neuhold lives.

Neuhold says whether you

like the feeding or not he is convinced it has kept the elk herd healthy and prevented the loss of many of the animals through starvation. The early winter ice storm, and the resulting crust on the snow, made it very difficult for the elk to get around the forest and forage for food, points out Joe.

"They (the MNR) haven't complained about the feeding," says Joe, "but they don't give me much support either. We had a case where one of the elk wandered off, couldn't cope with the icy conditions, and eventually starved to death."

The MNR says human feeding of the elk should be allowed only in an emergency situation.

"What do they think this past winter has been for the elk?" he asked. "I've used twice as much hay and corn this winter."

Jason St. Michael, Regional Director of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, expressed elation about the public viewing fundraiser--"a very important milestone in the seven-year history of the elk restoration project."

Watching the people moving into close proximity to the elk as they fed just outside Neuhold's cottage door, St. Michael described the afternoon as "a resounding success."

For St. Michael, accompanied by his son Cody, it was the first time he had actually seen the elk in the wild.

"I've been here to see Joe a few times in the spring or summer but there were no elk around at that time. The elk had reverted to their natural habitat at that point of the year," he explained.

St. Michael said he isn't opposed to the feeding so much as the personal handling of the elk.

"If the food was just left in some corner of the bush so there wasn't as much personal contact that wouldn't be so bad," he said.

It's difficult, however, to dispute the success of the Bancroft area elk program. The experiment started with 120 animals being transplanted there in 1998. Now there are about 200 despite the normal mortality impact in the wild. Joe Neuhold's role as a caretaker in his section of the area, and men who support Joe such as Campbellford's Neil Nicholas and Murray Locke, who help pipeline in a lot of food, have to get some of the credit.

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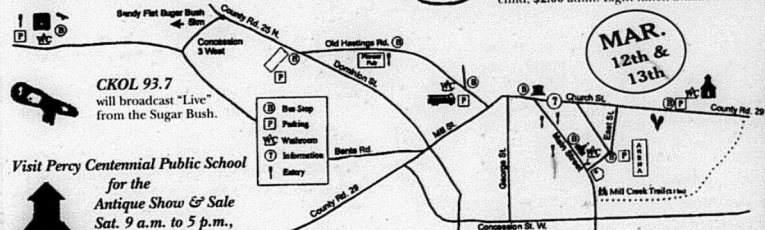
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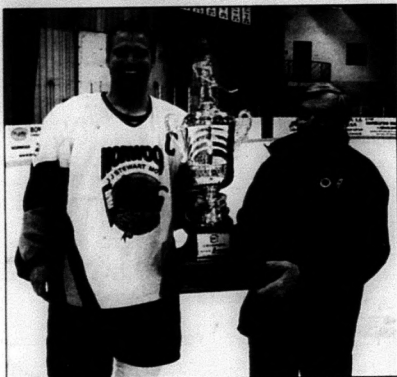
By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood J.J. Stewart Vipers capped a perfect 15-0 home schedule with a 6-1 dusting of Deseronto and hoisted the EOSH regular season points trophy in front of their cheering loyal fans.

EOSH convener Larry Hicks presented captain Dave Stewart with the trophy setting the stage for a playoff run that starts Saturday in Cobourg.

"It's always great when you win something (but) that's just the first part," assistant coach Steve Gatzos said following the season closer. "That's over with. It's gone. Now we all start at 0-0."

The team has been commanding at home with a couple of thrilling overtime wins to test their mettle along the way. Gatzos and the talented Vipers want to build on that. The team's still working a few



Regular season title: Norwood Vipers captain accepts the EOSH regular season championship trophy from league convener Larry Hicks following their 6-1 win over Deseronto. Photo/Bill Freeman

injured players back into the lineup and getting them in game shape is crucial.

"We've been trying to get all the guys in as much as possible," Gatzos says.

He admitted the Deseronto game was "a little bit scrambling" partly because they were finishing off the regular season and also working players back into the lineup.

"Getting some consistency and gel is difficult sometimes when you do that."

They wanted to work on power plays but there weren't many in the game so the team will book some extra ice and work on special teams.

"We want to put some lines together that will stay together

for a while. We have to make some decisions; to be made when all are healthy."

Gatzos told the players before the game that it's up to them to play their way into the lineup for the playoffs.

"That gives them a little bit of competitiveness in practice. If you want to keep your spot you've got to be here and work out."

Vipers jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a Mike Colton goal midway through the first but Mike Temple evened things up four minutes later. They finished the frame up 3-1 on goals by Dave Lorentz and Wes Nield. Adam Bernard made it 4-1 in the second taking a nice crossing feed from Nick

Lees.

Goals by Steve Thomas and Chad Birkhof iced the game in the third. Birkhof and Lees added two assists with singles to Jim McMillan, Andy Johnson, Nield, Jamie McComb, Lorentz, Jason Sands, Bernard and Stewart.

"Overall we're really thrilled with the commitment guys have put in," team President Joe Hawley says. "It's exciting to go through a (home) season undefeated."

"That's done and now we want to set a new string together and take a run at winning the championship. The trophy is a nice reward for five months of hard work. Now we've got to put together six weeks of tougher work, if we want to ultimate prize."

Hawley says it helps to have 500-600 fans out supporting the team. "We commend them; it has helped."

Players have stepped up all season long, he says, and that will be no different in the playoffs.

"As guys are called upon they will be ready to contribute."

Vipers buzz: Tickets for the Cobourg series are on sale now at Stewart Motors...Christian McGaffin won the chuck-a-puck and Ryan Hughes won the \$360 50-50 draw...It was Hershey's night at the arena and Rhonda Sherwin and Herb Hale of Norwood each won five lb. chocolate bars.



Havelock's TimBits learn-to-skate team celebrated the end of the season Sunday with a pizza lunch upstairs in the community centre. Each child received an award and medal. photos/Nancy Derrer

TimBits celebrate end of season

By Nancy Derrer

Havelock - The Havelock Minor Hockey Association's Learn to Skate TimBits celebrated the end of the season Sunday at the Community Centre, with their teammates, sponsor, coaches and parents. Team sponsor Tim Horton's in Campbellford supplied the lunchtime treats and each child received an Olympic-style medal.

Kids participating this year included: Isaiah Cook, Josiah Cook, Jamie Dicks, Brandon Hischer, Joel Lausen, Sarah MacKenzie, Jacob MacLeod, Tommy Mann, Lauren Massie, Mathew McCol, Connor Stillman, Dylan Umbel, Dawson Umbel and Chloe Vandenhurk.

Coaching and managers this year were: Brooke Wrightly, Melissa Yaxley, Bob Johnston, Derek Pearce, Jamie Bowman, Jon Darrington, Kevin Darrington, Richard Hischer, Darryl McCol, Bruce Bauer, Jeff King and Athanee Wrightly.

Chrysler Colts will meet Six Nations in Ont. semis

Campbellford - Completing their third straight sweep of the playoffs-a nine-game winning streak-Campbellford Chrysler peewee A Colts have moved on into the all-Ontario semi-finals. The home-sters will now square off against Six Nations with a berth in the provincial final at stake.

Ahead 2-0 in the best-of-five round, Colts came up with another strong performance to turn back the Oro Thunder 6-3. Zach Patfield's goal with an assist to Elijah Crothers got Campbellford off on the right foot only to have Oro reply with the equalizer 37 seconds later.

Colts then took command with two more goals before the end of the period with Doug Little nailing a pair, assisted on both by Zach Patfield and Lucas Peters. Early in the second, Lucas Brown got the puck up to Tyler Dunkley, who flipped to Patfield as the Colts increased their margin.

Oro showed they were not bowing easily, scoring twice to whittle the Colts' lead. Patfield completed the hat-trick at 6:19 to restore the Colts' two-goal margin with Little and Crothers doing the playmaking.

The third period went scoreless until with only 37 seconds remaining when Little completed his hat-trick to end the scoring for the Colts, who were outshot 41-32 by Oro.

The coaching staff has expressed pride with the efforts of all team members including Kyle Newton, Dylan Ingram, Jordan McEvoy, Zack Martin, Ben McKeown, Brad Beaudrie, Joe McKeown, Luke Nobes and Jake Locke.

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Atom hockey tourney this Saturday

By Nancy Derrer

Havelock - A hockey tournament in memory of Jamie Grattan is taking place at the Community Centre arena tomorrow, March 5, running from 9am to 7pm. Then at 8pm, a Havelock senior team

will take on the 980 Kruz team. The public is invited to attend the tournament and the evening game, making a donation to the Havelock Minor Hockey Association's Jamie Grattan scholarship fund. The goal is to raise \$500

for the fund.

Said Brian Grattan, one of the organizers, "This is the 1st annual Jamie Grattan Memorial Hockey Tournament. Eight Atom teams, including the Havelock Hawks Atom B's, will start playing at 9am and should finish by 7pm. Teams are coming from Newmarket, Oshawa and Peterborough."

Scholarship applications

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Three members of the 385 Royal Canadian Army Cadets received a newly commissioned Medal for five years of continuous service last Monday night. As well, five of the best shots were awarded for their excellent marksmanship and air rifle safety at the Madoc Headquarters. First Aid training was completed by a number of cadets as well. Special guests at the ceremony congratulated these Cadets. In the photo: League Liaison, Lt. Col Ret. Graham Meharg; Madoc Kiwanis representative Don Smith; Madoc Legion representatives Walt Candow and John Atkinson; Marmora Legion Representative Bryant Lunn and Base Liaison Officer MWG Steve Godin. photo: L.J. Jackson



Three members of the 385 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps received a newly commissioned medal for 5 years of continuous service. Recipients were: CWO Doug Neal; W.O. Ryan Redding and SGT. Danielle Stapely.



Cadets were awarded badges and certificates for their completion of the mandatory First Aid Course: Allison Marsh; Dustin Wohlge-muth; Mike Lowder; Matthew Lowder; Aaron Vince; Doug Neale; Alec Saigle; Sara Leslie and Michael Allore. Missing from the photo are Crystal Matheson and T.J. Landry.

"As the maple, so the sapling."

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hours of the Army Cadet League of Canada and includes a central band of green representing the Army Cadets. The front of the medal bears the badge of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets above which are the words, "Service - Cadets" and below, the inscription "Canada". The reverse of the medal has a flat rectangle for the name of the recipient and his or her cadet corps number.

Additional years of service are recognized by a bar to the ribbon with a centred maple leaf, all in gold. Each additional year is indicated by an ad-

ditional bar. On the undress ribbon, the additional years of service are indicated by a gold maple leaf, one for each year of service.

"This Corps also submitted an air rifle team to compete in a marksmanship competition held at CFB Trenton last month," Captain Roy Mateschkie, CO added that all the cadets were trained in marksmanship and air rifle safety.

Five of the best shots made the team and were awarded with a zone marksmanship pen: W.O. Ryan Redding; Sgt. Will Mateschkie; Sgt. Mike

Allore; M/Cpl Alec Saigle and Cpl. Sarah Leslie.

"First Aid training is also a mandatory part of the Cadet program. A standard or emergency course was completed by the Cadets and they were awarded a badge and certificate." Captain Mateschkie, CO, announced the certified Cadets Allison Marsh; Justin Wohlge-muth; Mike Lowder; Crysta Matheson; Matthew Lowder; Aaron Vince; Doug Neale; Alec Saigle; Sara Leslie; T.J. Landry and Michael Allore.

Photo left: At a marksmanship competition held at CFB Trenton last month five of the best shots made the team and were awarded last Monday evening with Zone Marksmanship pins. Rifle team members are: W.O. Ryan Redding; Cpl. Sara Leslie; M/Cpl Alec Saigle; SGT. Will Mateschkie; SGT. Mike Allore.

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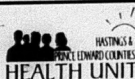
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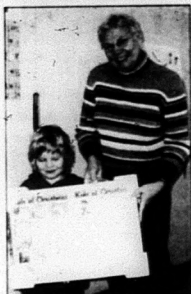
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Reminders of slower paced days



The horse and cart on Springbrook Road near Crookston slows down traffic. The simple pleasure gives motorists pause for thought and is a welcoming reminder in the fast paced world. photo: L.J. Jackson

Personal goals reached with fine artistic touches

By L.J. Jackson

The rustic tag alder bentwood chair was made by clients at COPE under the supervision and direction of Cathy Cassidy with the centre for Youth and Adults with a Developmental Disability. There is only ability and careful tending, when it comes to the careful handwork and pride of workmanship that goes into the making of the tag alder chairs.

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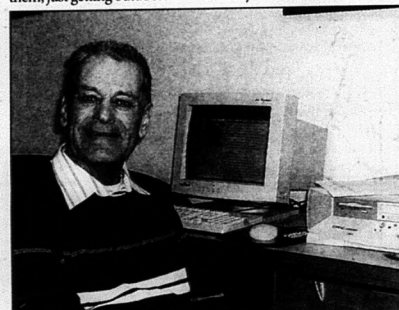
Wayne's greatest joy in helping to make the chairs was "pounding the nails...Some were very difficult." COPE clients take pride in many things many of us take for granted. The chairs carefully created by concentrating hands, are sold first come first serve.

"It is a learning experience for them, just getting outdoors and

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Wayne takes personal satisfaction in studying various sites on the web. This day he was intrigued by and carefully documented the motion picture industry.



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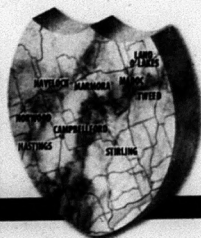
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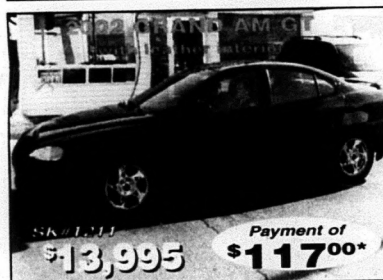
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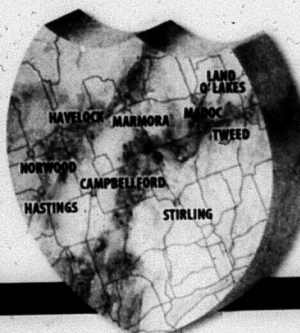
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Odd Fellows Don May, left, and Doug Miles, right, were out to the Sharpe sugar bush this week helping Bryce Sharpe and Lauren Andrew get trees tapped for the 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast and Maplefest being held March 19 and 20. You'll want to be there for pancakes smothered in this year's syrup. photo/Nancy Derrer. Story page 8.

2nd Annual Madoc Maplefest for your health

Tug of War - are you up for the challenge?

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc - Madoc's 2nd Annual Maplefest is not only a healthy alternative to meet the needs of the sweet tooth, but all proceeds from the activities go directly back to health care in the Centre Hastings area.

The MapleFest committee are not only busy tapping the trees, but preparing for the events. Members of the Community and Volunteers for the MapleFest are barely touching the ground, as the festival days approach.

The Madoc Fire Company has issued a "Tug-O-War Challenge". Registration for

the fun event will be held at the MapleFest Pancake Breakfast at the Madoc Kiwanis Centre Saturday March 12th at 10 a.m.

Teams for the Challenge will consist of 6 people. Registration Fee of \$30.00 per team. Pulls will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplefest Site (ballpark) on Saturday, March 19th.

Winning team will be awarded a "keeper" plaque, and the team's name will be engraved on a trophy that will be displayed in a public location, and updated annually. Winning team will also dedicate monetary winnings

to a charity of their choice. Maplefest committee will arrange delivery of those winning to the designated charity.

Length of this event will be determined by number of teams entered.

Any group of friends, family, organization, or business may create a team! We encourage everyone to participate!

Questions? Call Mike or Wendy at 473-0990.

Maplefest Pancake Breakfasts begin Sat. March 12, Sun. March 13

and Sat. March 19, 8 am to

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Comfort Country Co-ordinator has fresh perspective

By L.J. Jackson

He is a young man reacquainting himself with the area, Madoc, Stirling, Marmora and Tweed and he is seeing through youthful and familiar eyes. He is waltzing with the enormous sense of having nothing over your head, but room to breathe in a safe, clean and friendly atmosphere.

Jason Danielis is filling the new position of Marketing coordinator within the boundaries of "Comfort Country" overall goal is to, "fulfill the business and economic need the area by providing a solid marketing strategy that engages positive business development opportunities in Comfort Country."

"We needed an individual to help develop a formal business plan, someone with familiarity with the areas and could see it through younger eyes." Ellen Wilson with Comfort Country says that Jason Danielis has a fresh perspective.

The young man, who has put on the new shoes of the Marketing Co-ordinator, understands the challenges he will face with the responsibility of an entire region of rural Ontario. However, Danielis already had his shoes tied, before he recently started.

Jason grew up in the area, attending Centre Hastings School, and like many of our youth, moved to the city to find self, work and a job. Little did he realize that it was all home, where he had started from. He is glad to be back to deep breaths of friendliness and hometown gatherings.

Jason's father, Peter has been in the construction business

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Contribution of \$300,000 to Conservation

Ontario Environment Minister, MPP Leona Dombrowsky and Don Robinson, President & CEO of the Ontario Lakes Renewal Foundation today presented a cheque for \$150,000 to Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) in support of provincial Landscape Conservation projects, focusing on the Quinte Area. Ducks Unlimited immediately matched the amount, bringing the total to \$300,000 under a two-year dollar funding agreement between the two recognized environmental organizations.

Dombrowsky, the MPP for Hastings, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington said that \$134,000 would be used to restore wetland habitat on private land in the local Quinte area, assist with natural wetland and fishpond development.

"I am delighted that the province is supporting efforts that will protect and enhance vitally important wetlands," Dombrowsky said.

"The contribution by the Ontario Great Lakes Region Foundation and Ducks Unlimited is in addition to the \$300,000 contributed between 2000-03 to the Quinte shed project, the Walleye Spawning Project and the Be Marsh Stormwater Project, which are under the management of the Quinte Conservation," she said. Dombrowsky said that the remaining \$166,000 would assist similar environmental projects.

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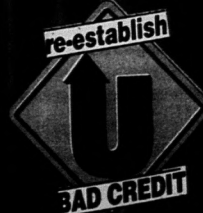
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MADOC REVIEW

Unwanted person charged

Madoc Township A report of an unwanted person in a home has lead to numerous charges against one man. In the early morning hours of Friday, February 25th, 2005 officers from the central Hastings O.P.P. detachment responded to a call from a homeowner reporting an intoxicated visitor that was refusing to leave. Investigation by police determined that the suspect had stolen a pick-up truck from a friend. As he drove he struck a guide rail on the Highway, causing some damage to the vehicle. He continued along, parking the truck in the middle of the south-bound lane of Highway 62 in front of the complainant's residence. As well, the suspect had a rifle and ammunition with him in the front seat of the vehicle which he left behind when he went into the home. Charged with Impaired Driving, Careless Storage of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited, Breach of Probation, Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident and Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Consent is Paul Mailoux, age 44, of Madoc.



Bearcats goalie kept the Icekats puck from making it count and the game ended in a win for the Belleville girls team, with girls from Hastings County clubbing Peterborough. Photos LJ Jackson.



Erika Shaubel put the first goal in for the Bearcats at the Madoc arena recently in the greuling game against the Peterborough Icekats.



Breanne Hadley slipped the second and final goal past the Peterborough goalie with the game ending with 2 - 0 win for the Bearcats.

It's happening at Madoc

Centre Hastings - Huntingdon Fire Department

What we wait for all winter-20th Annual Pancake Breakfast. All you can eat. March 20 2005 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Ivanhoe Hall. Serving: pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, toast, coffee, tea-orange juice and all the fixings. Adults: \$6.00, Kids \$4.00, Preschoolers eat free.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of new fire and rescue equipment.

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The game was rough with 10 penalties, 7 to the Bearcats, and 3 to Icekats. A minor injury to the Peterborough team slowed the game only slightly, with the all out game effort from both teams.

Music fun and laugh During March Break

MARCH 16, 1 P.M.-3 P.M.

Come and join us for a special craft and story time at the Public Library on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Children ages 4-10 are invited to the Library to come participate in making a book mark for all those books you read, and listen to lots of stories, especially one called "Mouse" with music accompaniment. There will be music, fun and laughter so don't miss it filling up so hurry and register by calling the Library 4456. See you soon at the Library!

Madoc Twp. Public Speaking Winners

The Madoc Township Legion Story Telling and Public Speaking event was held at the Madoc Township Public Library on Wednesday afternoon.

"All participants did an outstanding job and showed great results. Proud of the way they represented themselves and their community," a newsletter report from the school smiles. "It was so many moms, dads, grandparents and friends who came to watch the event."

Junior winners were: 1st - Natasha Rowe; 2nd - Rachel; 3rd - Emma Bowen.

Primary winners were: 1st - Karly Reid; 2nd - Rob; 3rd - Adam Cole and Holly Chamberlain.

The finalists went to Branch level with Karly Reid placed 3rd for her topic on "My Family".

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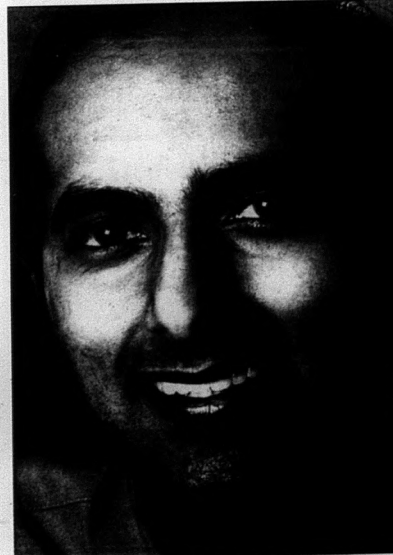
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ljackson@essencegroup.com

As the editor of the Madoc Review, I have spoken to young people who don't want to go to school because the threat of bullies have created fear in their lives. Both parents and child seem at a loss of what to do; how to put a stop to it.

The question seemingly left hanging in the air left a bad taste in my mouth. I hope this helps.

Bullying is a conscious, deliberate and hostile activity intended to harm, according to a fact sheet provided by the Ontario Provincial Police.

The four markers of bullying are: an imbalance of power; intent to harm; threat of further aggression and when bullying escalates, unabated terror, the OPP report.

The tip sheet offers advice on how to report bullying:

- Arrange a meeting for you and your child with the appropriate person at the school.
- Bring the facts in writing to the meeting: the time, date, place, children/youth involved, the specifics of the incidents and the impact the bullying has had on your child as well as how your child has attempted to try to stop the bullying.
- Work with your child and school personnel on a plan that addresses what your child needs right now in order to feel safe, what he/she can do to avoid being bullied and to stand up to any future bullying, and whom he/she can go to for help.
- Find out what procedures the bully will be going through and what kind of support the school is expecting from the parents of the bully.
- If you feel the problem is not being adequately addressed by the school, know that you can express your concerns and let the teacher and/or administrator know that you will take the next step to the school district board office and, if necessary, especially in the cases of serious abuse and racist or sexist bullying, to the police.

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REMEMBER WHEN...Tuesday March 17, 1981

"Sharp division between candidates in television debate" Candidates, Elmer Buchanan, Dave Hobson and Jim Pollock wait for their turn to talk in televised debate on Madoc Cable TV on Sunday. Note: "Among the items debated: high hydro rates, tourism declining, business closings, and unemployment figures. Interesting items that Hobson was putting forth were suggestions to establish fuel alcohol plants, breaks in land taxes, and aids to the tourist industry including stocking local rivers with salmon, turning the Marmorator Mine into a provincial park. Also discussed was the proposed abolishment of grade 13."

Letters to the editor**Open Letter to the Honourable Andy Scott, Minister Indian and Northern Affairs**

Dear Minister Scott:
As a non-aboriginal friend to the people of Yvondinaga Mohawk Territory and to the Mohawk Nation, I am extremely upset to hear that funding to the First Nation's Technical Institute (FNTI) has been cut. It is my understanding that Indian & Northern Affairs has retracted its funding commitment to FNTI for 2005-2006 and future years. There are so many reasons why this drastic measure is a bad idea,

that it's difficult to know where to begin.

FNTI has been a leader in the field of adult education in Canada, developing innovative ways to bring people with negative school experiences back into education in a manner that helps them develop self-esteem, develop confidence in their ability to learn and provides them with a process by which they have been successful in obtaining the needed credentials to become employed in their community.

As you must be well aware, the legacy of the residential school system has had terribly destructive outcomes for aboriginal people. While the residential schools purposely aimed to keep educational levels low so that aboriginal people did not compete with non-natives

in the workforce, more recent educational experiences of aboriginal people have continued to be less positive than that of non-native people for many reasons stemming from this legacy.

FNTI has been a leader in combining innovative principles of adult education with cultural programs unique to indigenous people, which have begun to bring back a sense of pride to students in being first nations people. They have nurtured a process by which traditional beliefs and approaches can be integrated with the demands of the 21st century, helping students become independent financially and become contributors to the well-being of the planet.

FNTI is a major employer on this territory. In a community of its size, the jobs that would be lost as a result of the cut would have a major impact throughout the territory. It would

be a major setback on the road to recovery of a community still very much in the process of healing from inequitable and discriminatory treatment in the past. The last thing they need is to lose this major symbol of their ability to learn and heal themselves.

I cannot urge you enough to reconsider this drastic action. Canada as a nation still has much to do to assist first nations communities to heal from past injustices. This cut will heap yet another major injustice on this community. It will bring unemployment of the current staff. But in addition it will virtually guarantee failure and potential unemployment to all those students who are not able to surmount the barriers, past and present, of attending other post secondary institutions. In a milieu where drop-out rates, even for non-natives are as high as 50%, aboriginal people stand a much lower chance of success.

Canada also has an obligation under treaty, to provide appropriate education to aboriginal people in perpetuity. In view of our long-standing commitment under the Two Row Wampum Belt Treaty to allow both the tall ship (non-aboriginal culture) and the canoe (indigenous culture) to proceed without damage to each other, we have a moral and ethical obligation to provide culturally appropriate post secondary education to aboriginal people.

As a taxpayer, I believe my tax dollar is well spent providing a culturally appropriate milieu for the successful education of first peoples so that they can have the best chance for financial independence possible. But even more importantly, as a citizen of Canada, I would like to see elected officials act in an honourable and ethical manner to first peoples.

I humbly beg you to reconsider your decision.

Sincerely
Peter Bradford
Stirling Ontario

On the Street Question of the week**What do you like best about the Madoc Maplefest?**

"Pretty much everything. I volunteer and I like helping serving at the Pancake Breakfasts and helping to make the maple syrup."

Dustin Wohlgenuth

"I just moved here from Montreal, but I have attended them in Quebec. I love the snow taffy."

Heather Dubréuil

"Everything, the fact that the money goes for the medical centre and I love the syrup. It is a natural sweet food."

Ruby Sprague

"The social part is super. I never ate so many pancakes in my life. It was great."

Chris Grooves

"Never been to it. I have two children and live north of Madoc. I just might go to it this year."

Ann-Marie Baumhour

"I have never been to it. I just moved here last April. When is it? I think I'd like to go."

Kristina Sibley

Croppers crop til they drop at Madoc



Cropping - is it in the genes? Four generations attended the recent Crop til you drop day and night held at the Madoc Legion. Mom- Lorie Johnson with babe Aiden Miller, Great Grandmother Ruth Shadgett, Sister-in-law - Joanne Shadgett of Peterborough. Back row: Grandmother Paulette Miller with her sister Jennifer Emmerson of Norwood.



Memories were made and celebrated with the crop until you drop fun time at Madoc.



Bad weather didn't stop these croppers. They came from all over, spending all day and most of the night.*

Thieves gas up at Madoc

Charges have been laid against two young people following an investigation into the theft of a Jeep Cherokee and a snowmobile. In the early morning hours on Saturday, February 19th, 2005 the youths attended at the victim's residence in the Marmora area and stole the vehicle along with a snowmobile on a trailer. All of the vehicles were recovered later that same day. Investigation by officers from the Central Hastings O.P.P. detachment found that the youths had attended at a gas station in Madoc to obtain fuel. While there, their images were captured on video tape. Officers had previously dealt with the same individuals and they were easily identified. Two young people, both age 17, were arrested Wednesday evening. They have been released with a court date scheduled for April.



Impaired driver arrested

Madoc Township - A Central Hastings O.P.P. officer arrested a male for impaired driving on Saturday evening. The officer was on routine traffic patrol around 7:10 p.m. on Highway 62 in Madoc Township when she stopped a vehicle for speeding after it went through radar. When she went to ask the driver for his licence she found that he had had too much to drink.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Over 80 milligrams is a 29 year old man from Bannockburn. He is scheduled to appear in court in Belleville later this month.



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Madoc Township Winners go to Quinte Science Fair

Madoc Township Public School winners: Natasha Rowe; Haley Mason & Emily Reid; and Emma Bowen & Lucas Reid will be setting their projects up at the Quinte Mall Science Fair on Saturday, April 2nd.

The Science Fair results for the Madoc Public School are as follows: Grade 4 Comparative Life - 1st Wesley Wilman; 2nd Brendon Veerman; 3rd Shelby Davis. Comparative Physical - Doran Adams; Hunter Trotter; Justin Chapman & Cole Adams.

Grade 5: Comparative Life - Shelby Graham; Emma Bowen; Lucas Reid; Brent Newman. Comparative Physical - Billy Sue Johnston; Meghan Bateman; Alison Rimey.

Grade 6 Comparative Life - Pippi Marvin/Becky DeWitt; Josie Wilman; Samantha Rivers; Brittany Rycraft. Comparative Physical - Haley Mason & Emily Reid tied with Natasha Rowe; Kyle Stark & Earl Perry; Rachel Robinson.

Grade 4 - Case Study Life - Ashley Kellar & Emma Giles; Clarissa Graham/Shelby Cronkright; Caitlyn Davidson. Case Study Physical - Skylar Reid & Cassandra Gear; Austin; Brody Whyte; Adam Durst tied with Brady Bateman.

Grade 5 Case Study Life - Heather Reid/Chantal Huff; Jordan Grills; Eartha Pauller & Carley Stark. Case Study Physical - Sacha Danford; Emily Clapp; Michael Holmes.

Grade 6 - Comparative Life - Kyle Reid. Case Study Physical - Travis Plume; Brandon Wilson; Steven Erwin.

Grade 6 Experimental Physical - Colin McBeath; Michelle Keller; Maurice Leslie.

OPP warn of fraudulent cheques in area

A significant number of bad cheques have appeared in recent days in the Tweed area. All of the cheques appear to have been written on the same account but cashed by more than one person.

The culprits opened a commercial bank account and obtained cheques in a company name. Without depositing any money into the account, they started writing and cashing numerous cheques at several stores and businesses in Tweed. The stores cashed the cheques and didn't find out they were no good until some time later.

If you are unsure about a cheque, verify all of the information on it before you accept it. Ensure that the company on the cheque is real and that the telephone number is valid. Call the issuing bank to confirm that

the account is in good standing and that there haven't been any concerns with the cheques in the recent past. Obtain valid photo identification and compare it to the person cashing the cheque, then write the identification information on the reverse. Remember that there is no requirement that stores accept cheques as payment. If you're not sure, request that the customer cash the cheque at a local bank or Automated Teller Machine (A.T.M.) and pay with cash.

MADOC MASONS DONATE BURSARY

Masonic Lodge District Deputy Grand Master for Prince Edward District, Eric E. Sandford, attended a small ceremony in Marmora to present a bursary to Sheryll A. Winovich.

"The Masonic Foundation of Ontario is pleased to be able to present this bursary," said Sandford. "We wish you success in completing your course and a fulfilling career as you travel life's path."

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Snowy weather results in collisions

Hastings County - The snowy, windy weather on Sunday, March 6th was a factor in several collisions throughout the morning on highways patrolled by the Central Hastings O.P.P. detachment.

At 9:19 a.m. a Ford Escort car went off the road and into the ditch on Highway 7 west of Madoc. The driver, a 68 man from Burlington, Ontario, was not injured.

At 9:44 a.m. a three vehicle collision took place on Highway 62 near Smith Road in Belleville. A southbound Chevrolet Astrovan started to skid and crossed the center line of the road where it struck a northbound GMC Envoy. Those two vehicles then spun off into the ditch. A southbound Pontiac Grand Prix that had been following the Astrovan tried to avoid the collision but lost control and spun off into the ditch as well. Ambulance and fire crews did attend the scene but there were no serious injuries.

At 9:55 a.m. a Volkswagen motor vehicle went off the road into the ditch on Highway 62 just south of Ivanhoe. Again, no one was injured.

In each of the collisions the vehicles were traveling at well under the posted speed limit prior to losing control. Please keep speeds down in bad weather and keep your vehicle under control at all times.

3rd Annual Dinner Auction for Community Care

Community Care for Central Hastings will be hosting its 3rd Annual Dinner Auction - Sat. April 2

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in the Centre Hastings area, while his mother, Shelley has been in real estate for years. His childhood was divided between Cooper and Queensboro, where his Grandmother still resides.

"I will be working closely with the municipalities, Chambers of Commerce, B.I.A.s and other planning committees, such as the Main Street initiative." Daniel's vision is to

"Shed light on the municipalities."

"I am just getting to know what's going on in the communities. The special events are a part of the charm." Eagerness and excitement with the new position is evident in the young man who will be spending time in each of the communities. "I am looking forward to it!"



Walking through Comfort Country in the new shoes of Marketing Co-ordinator, Jason Daniel is enthusiastic and eager to make this new position count for the communities. With a refreshed outlook, Daniel is looking forward to shedding warm light on the areas of Madoc, Stirling, Marmora and Tweed. photo: L.J. Jackson



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tal projects in the St. Lawrence River, St. Clair River, and Niagara River areas, which are designed to significantly enhance the related watershed tributaries.

Don Robinson of the Ontario Great Lakes Renewal Foundation noted that, "The Foundation's recognized broker role, through which we create funding partnerships with public and private sector groups, such as Ducks Unlimited Canada, has provided the

vital catalyst that provides the funding for these important projects. Through partnerships like these the Foundation has been able to leverage over \$5 million to bring about more than \$25 million in rehabilitation and restoration work at 60 projects in environmental hot spots around the Great Lakes that have been designated as Areas of Concern," Robinson concluded.

Ron Maher, Manager of Ontario Operations, explains that

DUC has identified the Quinte watersheds as a priority for wetland conservation efforts. "We're focusing our efforts on areas where we can have the highest impact on habitat. DUC uses its expertise to assess habitat needs within watersheds and then delivers practical and affordable on-the-ground improvements. Partnerships with the OGLRF, private landowners and the local conservation authority allows everyone to achieve common goals," said Maher.



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A Salute to the Farming Industry

Agriculture Ministers focus discussions on moving agriculture industry forward

Ottawa – Ministers met to discuss a number of initiatives to assist the agriculture industry in moving forward in this challenging period of low and declining farm income. They also discussed yesterday's (March 2, 2005) decision by a U.S. District Court to grant a preliminary injunction that effectively delays the opening of the U.S. border to Canadian live cattle under 30 months. The discussions were part of a scheduled mid-year meeting between federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture in Ottawa on March 2-3, 2005.

Ministers expressed their disappointment over the U.S. District Court decision to grant a preliminary injunction to prevent implementation of the U.S. rule that would have allowed a resumption of U.S. imports of live cattle, other ruminants and a wider range of products derived from them. They vowed to continue their efforts to normalize trade between Canada and the United States, and to increase access to other international markets. Ministers

agreed to maintain the current set-aside programs under the Repositioning the Livestock Industry Strategy announced on September 10, 2004, and to monitor the situation so that measures continue to respond to industry needs.

Ministers also discussed changes to feed regulations in line with the recommendations of the international team of experts on BSE. They agreed to work closely together to find solutions to the issue of disposal of specified risk materials (SRM) as quickly as possible. Ministers welcomed the announcement of \$80 million in the Federal Budget for SRM disposal.

Recognizing the difficult economic conditions currently facing producers, governments continue to provide significant funding to address farm income challenges. Assistance to farmers reached an all-time high of \$4.9 billion in 2004. The Canadian Agricultural Stabilization Program (CAIS) alone is paying out more than \$1.3 billion a year for 2003, 2004



It is the Volunteers who have made a difference. Photo taken at the Hastings County Agricultural Museum at Stirling, adding one more building to the agricultural collection. photo: L.J. Jackson

and 2005.

As referenced in the Federal Budget, Ministers committed to working together to find a better means of effectively engaging producers in joint management of business risk under CAIS, and to working towards sustainable solutions for future program years. Officials were directed to develop alternatives to the current CAIS deposit to be presented to Ministers at their annual meeting in July 2005, and a plan for consulting with industry. In the meantime, Ministers

agreed to extend enrolment for the 2005 program year to May 31. Ministers agreed there is a need to deal with the deposit deadlines for the 2003 and 2004 program years. Details will be announced by March 31.

Ministers also discussed the Annual Review of the Agricultural Policy Framework, and committed to continue to work with industry to move the sector forward, and to build a strong and sustainable agriculture industry for the benefit of all Canadians.

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Statement by the Honourable Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on the delay in the opening of the U.S. border

Ottawa — Today would have marked a further opening of the United States border. With the granting of a Preliminary Injunction by the U.S. District Court on March 2 in the R-CALF challenge, this has been delayed to the disappointment of all who had worked so hard on both sides of the border to resume trade in live animals and other meat products with the U.S.

This temporary setback is frustrating. However, I want to assure all Canadians that the Government of Canada, in cooperation with the provinces and industry, will continue to make every effort to engage the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Administration to press forward and to ensure that decisions are based on science. We are encouraged by assurances from the USDA and the President that this is in fact the manner in which they will proceed.

In the meantime, we have a

plan to move forward. The Re-positioning the Livestock Industry Strategy, announced in September, is helping to ensure the viability of the sector by increasing slaughter capacity in Canada, by helping to sustain the industry while these facilities come on line, and by continuing efforts to increase access to in-

ternational markets. Producers are continuing to benefit from the programs announced in September, including continued access to the Fed Cattle and Feeder Cattle Set-Aside Programs that help manage the supply of market ready cattle.

During my meetings with the provincial and territorial min-

isters last week, we agreed to monitor the situation carefully so that measures under the Re-positioning Strategy continue to respond to industry needs. Our approach moving forward is to work closely with the provinces and the industry, to carefully consider the appropriate next steps.

Canada's feed ban: protecting the health of Canadian cattle

By the Honourable Andy Mitchell,
P.C., M.P.
Minister of Agriculture and Food

The Government of Canada is addressing bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risks from human health and animal health perspectives.

On the human health side, the meat inspection system in Canada is designed to assure the safety of meat products. Most important with respect to BSE is the requirement for specified

risk material (SRM) to be removed from all cattle slaughtered for human food. SRM are tissues that, in affected cattle, contain the BSE agent. Removing these tissues from the food supply is internationally recognized as the best way to protect human health from BSE.

The animal health risks from BSE are addressed through a range of measures, but, undoubtedly, the most important of these is the feed ban.

Scientific studies indicate that BSE is spread when cattle eat certain proteins from BSE-infected animals. To limit this potential occurrence, Canada implemented a feed ban in 1997. This measure was introduced as a proactive precaution, well before BSE was detected in Canadian-born cattle. The feed ban requires feed and feed ingredient manufacturers to follow certain procedures so that materials that could cause BSE to spread are not intentionally included in cattle feed. It also requires livestock producers to feed cattle and similar animals only with feeds that do not contain potentially harmful materials.

International experience has shown that feed controls, such as Canada's feed ban, are the critical measure to check BSE spread and eradicate the disease over time. Given the feed ban's importance, I have asked

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the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to undertake a thorough review of the feed ban. Through this process, the CFIA is seeking to gain a detailed, current snapshot of how the ban is working.

Based on current knowledge, several measures strongly suggest that the feed ban is appropriately protecting animal health in Canada. Every year, the CFIA conducts inspections to verify that the ban is being properly applied, and over the past three

years, CFIA inspections have found high levels of industry compliance with the feed ban's requirements. As well, scientific risk assessments and surveillance results continue to demonstrate that BSE is a rare occurrence in North America and that the feed ban has been, and continues to be, effective in limiting the potential spread of BSE.

These are all very positive indicators, but the Government is committed to gaining, and sharing, further substantiated

proof of the feed ban's operation. To this end, the review, which is currently underway, is examining a number of specific facets, including the implementation of the ban, the findings of international reviews and steps taken to address subsequent recommendations, and the CFIA's inspection program. The review will take a close look at how the feed ban has been integrated into industry practices, focusing on recent compliance levels and actions taken to address non-compliance, including physical inspections conducted at all of Canada's

rendering establishments and a sample of feed mills to assess current compliance.

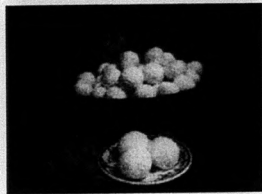
The review is part of the government's on-going efforts to verify that Canada continues to take the most appropriate actions in response to BSE. We

continuously assess our policies and programs, making adjustments as necessary, to maintain the most appropriate science-based approach. This review also extends our commitment to transparency and accountability. Throughout

the BSE issue, the Govt. has strived to share information openly, in a timely fashion. In this vein, I look forward to sharing the final report, which will be completed by February, with all Canadians and our trading partners.

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Down On The Farm

Quinte ecologist lauds magic of our wetlands

By Dorothy Thomson

Marmora—Have you looked at wetlands and thought how dull it is? Think again!

The wetlands, swamps and bogs are a beautiful and busy place in the universe, Quinte Conservation ecologist Tim Trustham told the Rylestone Women's Institute at their February meeting.

Tim showed slides of scenic wetlands around the Quinte area. He told of the wetlands, the fluctuating eco system and why it works the way it does. They flood in spring, are dry in summer and filter the water in the ground. They are home for fish, birds and animals. Many plants live there, which in turn provide

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Driving along we say, "Look, a blue heron standing knee deep in water or a red winged black-bird sitting on a cattail or beautiful lady slippers, water lilies or pitcher plants."

Warblers migrate thousands of miles away but return to the same spot in spring. Tim said they must have a radar system built into their little bird brains. Cattail, purple loosestrife do take over sometimes but nature has a way of looking after itself.

Creation was made for us to enjoy, said Trustham, it is our responsibility to keep it that way.

A short business period followed the presentation.

Deadstock collection gets gov't boost

Peterborough—The provincial government is pumping \$4 million into deadstock collection and increasing domestic slaughter capacity.

"A good deadstock collection system supports a healthy livestock industry," says provincial agriculture minister Steve Peters.

When combined with increased slaughter capacity for all animals, Peters says they are helping all ruminant livestock producers "weather the BSE storm."

The Ontario Cattleman's Association will get the \$4 million to improve the deadstock collection system. In Ontario, an estimated 80,000 tonnes of deadstock are produced each year.

Since the finding of BSE in a Canadian-born cow in May, 2003, cattle producers, deadstock collectors and the rendering and meat industries have been under serious financial pressures as a result of lost markets.

Mr. Peters says the funding is

in addition to the \$1.3 million the OCA received for deadstock collection last February under the "Ontario Cull Animal Strategy."

The province is also providing a total of \$800,000 under the third phase of the Mature Animal Abattoir Fund to help the livestock industry expand domestic slaughter capacity.

St. Helen's Meat Packers Ltd. in Toronto and Abington Meat Packers Ltd. of Calistoga Centre are both undertaking projects

to increase lamb slaughter.

Eric's Claybelt Abattoir in Timiskaming will increase cull cow slaughter in an under-served area of Ontario.

Mr. Peters says the goal of the \$7 million fund is to expand Ontario's overall slaughter capacity for surplus mature cattle and other ruminant livestock to help reduce the backlog of those animals in the province.

When projects are fully implemented, Ontario's slaughter capacity will increase by over 6500 animals each month.

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Ottawa - March 5 /CNW Telbec/ - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Saputo Inc. are warning consumers with allergies to milk protein not to consume Sunny D (*).

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Trent Hills supports Rural Ramble 2005

By Rolly Ethier

Campbellford—Viewed as a boost to economic development in the region, the Municipality of Trent Hills has recommended a donation of \$1,000 to the continued success of the 6th annual Rural Ramble Farm Tour scheduled for Aug. 20-21.

In a letter tabled at a recent General Government Com-

mittee meeting, Rural Ramble co-ordinator Janette Oliver-Rodgers said: "The greater community of Northumberland has helped us reach an important milestone with five successful annual events. We are now looking forward to 2005 and our sixth farm tour coming up this summer."

First conceived by a few farm-

ers getting together to open their gates, rural Ramble has grown into a major county-wide attraction, one of the largest events of its kind in the province.

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"The community support we receive helps to keep Rural Ramble a vital component of the agricultural and tourism community by providing education and entertainment to families while fostering an appreciation for our rural communities," says Ms. Oliver-Rodgers.

The financial statement for Rural Ramble's 2004 operation shows a net balance of \$24,999 after a balance forward of \$30,411 from the 2003 season combined with total receipts of \$41,367 that included \$17,500 in gate receipts. Expenses were fairly heavy at \$46,779, which consisted mostly of advertising and promotional materials.

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Smothers the Puck—Goalie Jeff King (31) dives on the loose puck as his Campbellford Rebel teammates tie up the Napanee Raider player looking for a rebound. Rebels edged the Raiders 4-2 on Campbellford ice to take a 3-1 advantage in the Empire League semi-final series. But Napanee turned the tables the following night at home, leaving the Rebels ahead 3-2 in the best-of-seven set. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Colts shade Delhi, square Ont. semi-finals

Campbellford—With a short bench of only 12 players, the Campbellford Precision Wood Colts scored three power-play goals en route to a 4-2 victory over Delhi Sunday to even the best-of-five all-Ontario midjet semi-finals. Goalie Nick Ellis turned in a solid performance and his Colt teammates took advantage of Delhi's penchant for taking too many penalties. Delhi served 13 minor penalties compared to six for Campbellford.

Goals were scored by Hendy Robinson, Dane Ellis, Justin Chrysler and Morgan McMillan, with assists going to McMillan, Cory Taylor, Wes Petherick and Tyler Allanson. It was a strong, disciplined effort by the Colts with everyone contributing from the goalies to the rearguard corps and the forwards.

The series got under way Friday (March 4th) with the Colts unable to get untracked and ultimately suffering a 4-2 setback to the visiting Delhi skaters. Delhi scored three unanswered goals in the first period and one at the start of the second and never relinquished the advantage.

After such a slow start, the Colts settled in and started to play with more confidence in the second period. The Campbellford marksmen were Tyler Allanson and Hendy Robinson with Morgan McMillan and Adam Taylor earning assists.

The series continued Friday night (March 12th) in Campbellford at 7:30 and then it's back to Delhi for a Saturday game starting at 5 p.m. If a fifth and deciding game is necessary it will be back in Campbellford Sunday, March 13th at 4:30 p.m.

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Vipers took some big steps in their Eastern Ontario Senior "A" playoff quest smothering the Cobourg Lynx in a wave of shots and goals. Norwood hammered the Lynx 13-1 in Cobourg to open then followed that with an 8-1 win at home. As of press time they were in the process of ending the Lynx' season.

Nick Lees, showing some of the offensive spark that made him an ace sniper in the OHL, fired in a pair of goals and added two assists. Scott Wasson also added four points easing his way back into the line-up.

Despite a heavy edge in shots Norwood held a slim 1-0 lead after the first but coach Brian Hayton thought the team came out with a lot of energy; something that was

missing in the first period the night before.

"We thought we skated hard in the first but we had to play a little smarter game and move the puck a little more and spread (Cobourg) out a little more," Hayton said.

He said the Lynx were "sitting fairly close to their net and trying to clog things up" and Norwood adjusted by "taking the puck behind the net more and skating wider to create more opportunities."

It paid off in a seven goal explosion in the second frame.

Hayton said Cobourg goalie Colin Caley deserved lots of credit facing over 120 shots in the first two games (Norwood outshot the Lynx 61-18 Sunday) and was the reason Norwood held the slight 1-0 lead after Joe Hawley's break-

away goal.

Dave Lorentz's goal at 12:29 of the second opened the gates. Wasson, from Lees and Paul McInnes 29 seconds later made it 3-0. Lees picked up his two goals in the frame with Mike Williams, tapping in a Lorentz rebound, Bernard, on a feed from Lees, and Wasson rounding out the offense.

Kyle Oliver broke Mike Pickard's shutout nine minutes into the third while Norwood was short two men. Hawley rounded out the scoring on a hard wrist shot with 3:16 to play.

Lees was happy with his game but says he is not quite recovered from bouts with mono and a concussion.

"I'm starting to get a little bit back that I lost but it's still a slow process. I have a little more jump now. I'm not 100 per cent but each game is a little better."

He also says he's starting to get his hands back.

"For the first 10 games it was pretty frustrating. I was just bobbling with the puck."

He says his teammates have helped him out.

"When you play with a bunch of good players it's hard to look bad. They make you look good whether you're playing good or not."

Vipers buzz: Sarah Graham, a student in the Hockey Canada Skills Academy in Norwood, won the \$365 50-50 draw...EOSHL convenor Larry Hicks made another trip to Norwood to present the Coach of the Year trophy to Hayton and his bench team of Terry Bovair and Steve Gatzos and the goalie award to Ryan Aschaber (1.94 GAA)...Whitby's Justin Cardwell and Matt Cardwell were MVP and Top Defenceman; Deseronto's Jamie Tompkins was goalie of the year...Chad Birkhof (78 pts) and Adam Bernard (69) were 3rd and 4th.

Atom Grizzlies "C" Champs

By Barb Stevens

Marmora—On Jan. 22, the Atom Grizzlies hosted their home tournament at the Marmora Arena. Game onewas Centre Hastings against Havelock with Havelock winning 5-2. Grizzlie goals were scored by Cameron Asselstine, assisted by Shamel Walsh, and Shawn Peeling, unassisted. Jordan Fluke was named the MVP of the game.

Game two was Deseronto over Tweed 2-1. Game three was Belleville over Trenton 8-0. Game four Deseronto defeated Centre Hastings 4-1. The lone goal for the Grizzlies was from Walsh unassisted and our defenceman, Cameron Asselstine was awarded MVP of the game.

Game five saw Trenton defeat Havelock 5-1 and Game six Belleville defeated Tweed 17-0. Game seven was for the "C" finals where Centre Hastings outplayed Tweed in their 7-2 victory. Jordan Graham got the 1st and 7th goal, assisted by Fluke. Kyle Gardiner, Matthew Martin and Shawn Peeling (3) also slipped one past the Tweed goalie and Cody Alberry, Gardiner and Walsh each earned assists. MVP for the game went to Jordan Graham who played a great game. Trenton beat Havelock 4-1 for the "B" Championship and the "A" Champions were Belleville when they defeated Deseronto 9-0. Excellent goaltending from Les Marisset and Ryan Martin.

On March 6, the Atoms played host to Stirling. Stirling lit up the scoreboard first and held on to their lead to beat the Grizzlies 4-3.

Colts, Six Nations tied after 3 games in Ontario semis

Campbellford—The Chrysler Peewee A Colts from Campbellford expected an exceptionally tough series against Oshweken Six Nations and that's exactly how it's playing out.

After the first three games of the all-Ontario semi-finals, the two well-matched teams are all even with one victory apiece and a tie.

The series got under way in Oshweken March 4th and it quickly looked like it will be a very physical series as Six Nations opened the scoring.

Doug Little answered for the Colts four minutes later but Six Nations managed one more before the end of the first period. The Chrysler crew had a number of chances over the next two periods but was held off the scoresheet as they dropped a 2-1 verdict.

Back in Campbellford the next day, it was another close, hard-hitting contest. It wasn't until 1:38 in the second period that the Colts got on the board first with Little scoring unassisted.

In the third period, Six Nations tied it by scoring on a power play. From that point on the level of play elevated, putting both Colts' goalie Jake Locke

and the Six Nations goalie to the test. Even 10 minutes of overtime failed to break the tie as the game ended in a 1-1 deadlock with the Colts outshooting their opponents 51-33.

In game three on Sunday, Colts took charge and Zach Patfield's pass set up Little to open the scoring. Nine minutes later Patfield and Little teamed up again with Luke Brown to capitalize on a power play for a 2-0 lead.

Early in the second, Six Nations scored but 12 seconds later Ben McKeown answered with a beauty, assisted by Tyler Dunkley to make it 3-1 for the Colts. Not done yet. Zach Patfield connected on a play with Little and Elijah Crothers for a final score of 4-1.

The Chrysler crew turned in a strong, two-way effort. Kyle Newton, Dylan Ingram, Lucas Peters, Jordan McEvoy, Brad Beaudrie, Zack Martin, Joe McKeown and Luke Nobes all played solid hockey. It left the teams tied at three points each in what has become a six-point series.

The Colts are back in Oshweken Friday, March 11 at 8 p.m. and the fifth game is scheduled back in Campbellford Saturday, March 12th at 5 p.m.

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Maplefest

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
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Masons donate bursaries

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ways."

Sherryl responded with thanks for the bursary that will allow her to finish the final year of St. Lawrence College's Medical Technologist Program. She is currently serving her placement at Belleville General Hospital. Winowich is married with 2 children and lives at R.R. 2, Marmora.

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The contest is seen as a wonderful opportunity for school children to learn, first hand, the railroad's impact on their heritage. Said Steve Miniotis, son of the owner: "Being Greek, my father grew up in Greece and he loves to keep history alive. He believes that encouraging kids is the best way to do that."

Added Feeney: "The idea started off small and just got bigger, reflecting the spirit in these small communities. The contest will show kids that we really care about our history."

Also in attendance was Keith Hansen, author of Last Trains from Lindsay, a readily available hard cover book that would be a good place to start researching an essay.

Said Suzie Smith, representing Principal Martin Twiss of Havelock-Belmont Public School, "We are looking forward to our Grade 7 student's participating." She noted that

the prizes (1st - \$300, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$100) for 4, 2nd \$150 prize for 4 at The Station Restaurant were nice incentives for submitting an entry.

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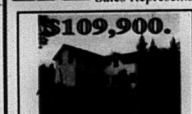


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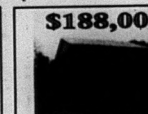
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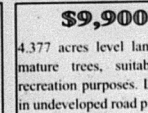
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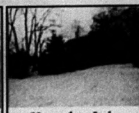
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Maplefest time: The fifth annual Norwood Lions' Maplefest goes April 3 at Linlor Farm near Hastings. Looking forward to another successful event will be Norwood Lions Scott Stewart and Brad and Jordan Burr. See inside for more. Photo/Bill Freeman. Story page 8.

Madoc Maplefest "Slooshes" to healthier lifestyle

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc has come out of hibernation with few signs of cabin fever as the Madoc MapleFest got underway. The mercury rising has encouraged the first drops of the Maple's sign of spring. It teased the MapleFest committee last weekend with a few drops, then promised syrup for this week's festivities.

The Madoc MapleFest promises not only healthy and delicious eating choices, but a chance to have fun while proceeds go directly to health care in the area. While many communities have struggled for proper health care facilities, it is the community of Madoc area that have come together, once again

in their supportive efforts to better their lives and the lives of those around them.

The MapleFest Sugar Shack is readied with sap expected to be boiling down the old fashioned way and this weekend's festivities to offer even more fun and treats.

A Pancake breakfast began the festival with pancakes drizzled with the sweet syrup from the local Maples with the 2nd Annual MapleFest drawing an amazing crowd of children and families eager to join in the outdoor fun at the ball park.

"Slooshing is what my parents called it," Wendy Sniderhan with the MapleFest Committee was energized with a sweet

rush of youthful activities and old fashioned outdoor fun.

Slooshing is a unique event requiring agility, team effort, speed and a willingness to enjoy life. For the many who had never joined in a slooshing event before, it was an hilarious effort put forth with a spirit of fun. Holding onto ropes tied to 2x4's teams attempted to raise the level of team work, with a left and a right. There was snowball building, a tug of war and scavenger hunt fun.

"MapleFest was a very successful fundraiser last year," Wendy Sniderhan said this weekend will offer even more fun with such things as wagon

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Upcoming Dinner Auction Community Care has been getting exciting donation

By L.J. Jackson

Madoc - "We're getting excited over the donations coming in," Pat Dobbs, Executive Director of Community Care for Central Hastings says although the organization needs more donations, for the upcoming 3rd Annual Dinner Auction, those who have already donated have been generous. She added, "We also have a raffle with prizes. Kayak with skirt and paddle donated by Upper Canada Company; a Royal King propane BBQ from Bush Food and an original oil painting by artist Norine Alexander."

With spring just breaking through the ice, Dobbs says Community Care is gathering items for the theme, "Nurturing the future."

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Madoc Revitalization receives vote of confidence with financial praise

Madoc - Centre Hastings Reeve Tom Deline was pleased to accept a "vote of confidence" from Hastings County Council Charles Mullett, Community Futures Chair Bruce Walker, MP for Prince Edward-Hastings, Daryl Kramp who made their second stop in the Village of Madoc on their Hastings tour recently.

"We're excited about the initiative you, Reeve Deline, your Centre Hastings Council have taken in working with the local business community and in creating and developing the Village Square," said Community Futures Chair Bruce Walker. "Please accept this grant for \$10,000 as our vote of confidence."

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Missing 14-year-old last seen hitchhiking

Centre Hastings - The family of a young boy has been searching for him since Monday when he was last seen by his family on Highway 62. He was reported to be seen in Madoc on Tuesday afternoon but this has not been confirmed.

Downer is described as 5'9" tall, 180 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a black "Ecko" brand t-shirt, "Ecko" jogging pants and yellow running shoes. Anyone with information is asked to call the Centre Hastings O.P.P. detachment at 473-4234.

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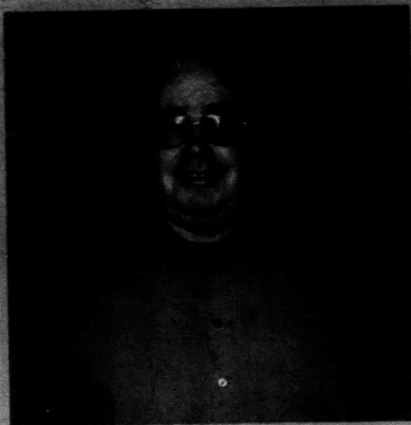
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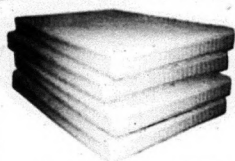


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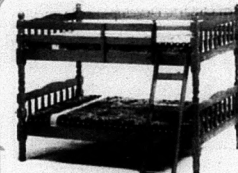


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ant communities, and will lead to a competitive and diversified regional economy.

"The Village Square is already proving its worth," said MP Daryl Kramp. "It will be a catalyst for economic growth - allowing the Farmer's Market to expand and provide a permanent venue to host musical performances, community events, artisans and community groups. It will also encourage more shoppers to visit neighbouring businesses as well as encourage new businesses to locate in the downtown core."

"This is a prime example of the type of development the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus hoped to see developed through this fund," said Hast-

ings County Warden Charles Mullett. "We're excited by the opportunity to invest Eastern Ontario Development Funds in strategic community projects of this nature. We look forward to more great things in Centre Hastings' future development."

"We hope that more Centre Hastings businesses will accept Community Futures offer of zero percent interest loans for storefront improvements and 50% reimbursement for employer/employee training," said Community Futures Chairman Walker. "That would be a ringing endorsement of Centre Hastings' initiative."



The Market Square has already proven its worth.

MP Daryl Kramp extended praise to the initiatives of Centre Hastings Council and Reeve Tom Deline. It is expected that the Village's esthetical centrepiece will charm a host of good times for the area. Community Futures Chair Bruce Walker pointed out that the \$10,000 grant was a vote of confidence for taking the Downtown Revitalization seriously. In the photo: MP Daryl Kramp; Community Futures Chair Bruce Walker; Rob Price with Chamber of Commerce; Hastings County Warden Charles Mullett and Centre Hastings Reeve Tom Deline. photo: L.J. Jackson

New story time at Madoc Public Library

Beginning Wednesday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. the Madoc Public Library will be hosting story-time for children kindergarten age and younger. Volunteer Julia Lindau will be reading to the children. We hope to continue this program every Wednesday depending on attendance. Hope to see you!

Browse the new book shelves while you're here. Some new titles are: J.D. Robb - Surviving in death, Ian McEwan - Saturday, Catherine Gildiner - Seduction, Jared Diamond - Collapse, William Butler - 66 days adrift, Peter Robinson - Playing with fire, Judy Rebec - Thousand roses.

Government of Canada invests in Comfort Country

Jason Danielis, Comfort Country Marketing Coordinator and members of the Comfort Country team, welcomed Hastings County Warden Charles Mullett, Community Futures Chair Bruce Walker and MP for Prince Edward Hastings Daryl Kramp at the Madoc Cultural Centre.

Jason Danielis was hired for six months under a Youth Retention grant of \$15,000, part of the Eastern Ontario Develop-

ment Fund (EODF), to assist in marketing the communities of Madoc, Tweed, Marmora and Stirling now jointly promoted as "Comfort Country".

"This Youth Retention initiative offers critical support to the area for profit organizations, like Comfort Country, to employ recent post secondary graduates and offer them full time work, experience and the potential for longer term employment in Hastings County,"

said Hastings County Warden Charles Mullett.

"We must take every opportunity to offer opportunities to retain our talented young graduates," said MP Daryl Kramp. "The economic viability and future of rural Ontario depends upon our success in engaging our youth in rural economic development."

Community Futures Chairman Bruce Walker said, "We are proud to be able to respond to

strategic community needs in this way. We are pleased to admit that we have played a significant role in the Government of Canada investing slightly more than \$200,000 in EODF funding in Central Hastings so far. We're expecting further announcements shortly."

The Government of Canada has funded the Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) of North & Central Hastings and South Algonquin

to implement four components of the EODF: Access to Capital, Skills Development, Youth Retention and Local Initiatives. The funding is part of the \$10 million Eastern Ontario Development Fund introduced by the Government of Canada last spring. It promotes socioeconomic development in rural Eastern Ontario, contributes to the successful development of business and job opportunities as well as sustainable, self-reli-

ant communities and will lead to a competitive and diversified regional economy.

In announcing the CFDC funding January 2005, The Honourable Marcel Belanger, Deputy Leader of Government in the House of Commons and Minister responsible for Eastern Ontario said, "The Government of Canada is dedicated to working with CFDC to build community

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It just seems life is meant to be simpler

 Linda Jackson
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We have come a long way with technology, so much so, now we need tips on how to stay physically active and how to survive stress. We have become chubby Canadians browsing and surfing and digging up facts on our computers.

Stress is said to be the number one killer and there are long waiting lines for counselling. Those who can afford it pay mega bucks to spend hours with a person nodding his/her head.

Many Canadians are overweight and spend more time at the computer searching and surfing for ways to better our lives when just outside the door amazing things are taking place.

The recent games, social times and family fun at the Madoc Maplefest shows just how much fun simple things can be. "Slooshing" is a fun event that is difficult to find on the net with most sites relating the outdoor fun with weird sounds the stomach makes the morning after the night before. To "Sloosh", according to the Maplefest committee members, is to stand on two 2x4's holding a rope that reaches up just past your knees. With team spirit, timing and coordination, a bunch of people have a bunch of fun.

We have a Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute and millions of dollars are being poured out to get Canadians back in shape. Health Canada provides lifestyle tips, "The benefits are worth the effort, not only for heart health, but for adult-onset diabetes, colon cancer, osteoporosis, hypertension and depression as well. Regular physical activity has a significant impact on our quality of life, and we should strive, as a society, to place it at the centre of our health habits and programs."

Do we really need Health Canada and research institutes to guide us back to fun?

The families at the Madoc Maplefest games and events made it seem so much simpler.

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REMEMBER WHEN...Tuesday March 17, 1981



CHSS wrestling team: Back row (l to r) Ross Spatola, David Hurst, Darryl Cembal, Steve Fleming, Brian Erwin and Ted Bergeron. Middle row: Rick Courneyea and David Hall. Front Row: Matt Holmes, Terry Fleming, Chris Magwood, Clive Mullins and Dave Dies.

Letters to the editor

An invitation to all from the Havelock United Church.

Let me ask you, as members of a caring community, do you realize how difficult it is in this day and age to remain afloat financially? Each of us know personally how hard it is to make ends meet on a daily basis. And so it is with our Havelock United Church. To meet the needs of operating our church building, with constantly escalating expenses, is a disheartening battle. How do we maintain this beautiful old heritage building with a dwindling number of persons attending on our congregation? The original portion of the building was built to house the Methodist Church in 1886, only to become what is known as Havelock United with the formation of the United Church of Canada in 1925.

There are, of course, well known reasons why we are experiencing these dwindling numbers. Like most churches in our area and elsewhere, we have an aging congregation who are unable to be with us on a regular basis. There are a number of family members who have left for an education and employment. Some are seasonal attendees, who leave for a warmer climate in the winter, only to return when spring comes. And then of course the weather can interfere as well. We are quite aware of these circumstances but there is another element to this equation. There are those persons who consider themselves as members or adherents of our church, who for one reason or another only attend occasionally or have failed to continue at all. Please let me assure you that you are missed. We are a loving and supportive group of people who make no demands on anyone. We are there because we care for each other and for the community as a whole. As a choir member, there is no greater thrill for me than to look upon a sea of faces, who are eager to learn and lend their support to anyone, here at home or through our mission and service work.

But, without a regular attendance, the future of our Havelock United congregation looks very grim. Although we do offer our facility for a small fee to the greater community for special occasions and events, it adds little to our meagre income. Since we can accommodate seating for 150/260 people, it is the largest seating capacity for some of these events, but still we struggle to survive when our

expenses are hardly covered by these small fees. The building needs some updates and yearly maintenance, and without a larger income, it is a terrible struggle to make ends meet. Gone are the days of the barter system and so we must think of more innovative ways to accomplish the same end. We will not sacrifice our outreach efforts to our community to make this happen. Nor will we discontinue our fundraising efforts to meet the incredible needs of those, here in Canada and throughout the world, who need our aid.

If we continue to struggle as we have in recent years, and if we can't initiate more regular attendance on a weekly basis, we may have to take some drastic measures which could mean the losing and disposing of our beautiful old building some time in the future. I am sure that everyone would agree that this old heritage church would be a terrible loss to our community as a whole.

It would be so wonderful to be able to assure our superior church authority that we have the numbers required to keep our doors open, to do our foreign and United Church of Canada missions and service work and still maintain the outreach programs that we offer within our own community. I appeal to anyone or everyone who has joined us on occasion or those who are searching for a warm reception within a church family, our doors are always open to welcome you and your family, no matter of their age or situation. You will be received with love and joy. Give us an opportunity to make you, your family and friends a welcome part of our wonderful caring church family.

I you would like further information, contact Rev. Dr. Don Misener (Tues. or Thurs.), 705-778-3141 or Shirley Patterson, 705-778-1202.

Shirley Patterson, Life member of Havelock United Church

On the Street Question of the week

What will you be doing on your March Break or what would you like to do?



"Going to my Aunts in Deseronto and doing stuff at the Maplefest, sleeping in and going to hockey."

Brittany Leveque



"Spending time with Stephanie and my family and doing chores. Just hanging around the house and bugging my little brother."

Monika Bailey



"I am going swimming and bowling, staying home and sleeping in. Yes!"

Stephanie Brooks



"First thing I am going to have my friend over. Then I want to finish reading my books. I also want to find out how to spell my name with hieroglyphics and my friend and I can write in code."

Brendon Nilsson



"I am going to see the Ice Princess with my dad. I might be going to my Uncle Alans to see how to make maple syrup too."

Kassidy Gallina



"Nothing. Don't have any plans, just sit at home, watch TV and relax."

Tara Donaldson

Breakfast for kids gets a healthy start to the day

By L.J. Jackson

"Kids miss breakfast for all kinds of reasons: slept late; in a hurry; don't like to eat that early..." Alison Althoff, Teacher Coordinator at the Madoc Public school for breakfast for kids says that between 15 - 20 children are fed breakfasts daily at the local school. The breakfast is offered to all kids who need a good breakfast from Kindergarten to grade eight.

Changes* of Madoc recently surprised the program with a donation. The work out spot for women, Changes Manager, Cindy McMurray said that members of the fitness club enjoy supporting as many good causes in the community as possible. One of the members mentioned the program at the school and they were glad to donate money from a 50/50 draw.

It was a bit ironic and a coincidence that owner, Kathy Herrold of the business was the lucky winner of the draw. She donated her winnings which brought the total up to \$200.

For further information on the breakfast program contact the Madoc Public School.



A good breakfast is available for all children at the Madoc Public School and thanks to a generous donation from "Changes", Madoc's fitness depot, the breakfast coffers have \$200 more dollars. In the photo: Teacher Coordinator at Madoc Public School, Alison Althoff with Changes Manager Cindy McMurray. photo: Tessa Jordan

Upcoming Dinner Auction for Community Care has been getting exciting donations

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time for a home makeover."

The Annual Dinner Auction at the Madoc Township Hall is a fun event which includes a Roast Beef Dinner by the Dragancs of Spring Brook, and an auction. This is Community Care's major fundraiser which allows the public to become aware of the programs they provide, as well as enjoy an entertaining evening.

"You can't get any better entertainment than Boyd Sullivan as the Auctioneer and Wally Sawkins as the Master of Ceremonies." Dobb spoke of the highly sought after duo.

Community Care for the

area of Central Hastings is a non-profit community based agency for seniors and adults with physical disabilities. Vital programs are provided by the organization such as Meals on Wheels, Diners Clubs, Friendly Visits, Blood Pressure Clinics and transportation. The organization is active in the communities of Stirling, Madoc, Tweed and Marmora.

There are a limited number of tickets available with advance tickets available. If you would like to purchase tickets or make a donation telephone 613 473-9009 or 1 800 554-1564.

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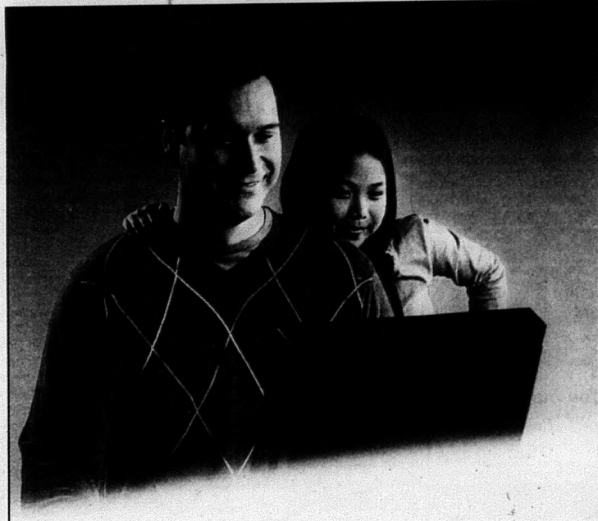
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capacity, skilled workforces and thriving businesses in Eastern Ontario. This initiative is an excellent example of how this

local level partner is addressing challenges in the regional economy to help ensure a prosperous future."



"We must take every opportunity to offer opportunities to retain our talented young graduates," said MP Daryl Kramp. "The economic viability and future of rural Ontario depends upon our success in engaging our youth in rural economic development." In the photo: Jason Daniels, Comfort Country Marketing Coordinator; Charles Mullett, Hastings County Warden; Bruce Walker, Community Futures Chairperson; MP Daryl Kramp; and Rob Price, Representative of Community Futures. photo: L.J. Jackson



Comfort Country Marketing Coordinator Jason Daniels and Jeremy Wells, Economic Development Coordinator for Stirling Rawdon work hand in hand identifying the needs of the area. photo: L.J. Jackson

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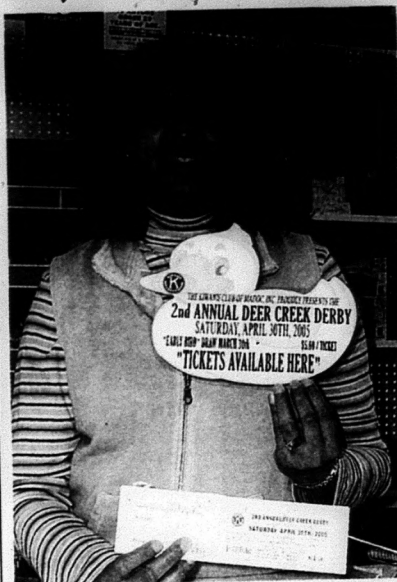
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Early bird draw coming soon



Zain Mohamed holds up tickets for the upcoming Deer Creek Derby. The rubber ducky race has become an annual event that is looked forward to by the community and beyond. Early bird draw for the duck race is March 30th with tickets selling fast at businesses in the area. Madoc Kiwanis members will set the ducks free on Saturday, April 30th at the Market Square Bridge where the little yellow fellows will paddle towards the finish at the Ball Park. photo: L.J. Jackson

Recreational trails boost tourism

By Brian Dunning

Properly promoted tourism could become the largest industry in Ontario says Tim Petersen, chair of the Ontario Trails Strategy. Mr. Petersen, MPP for Mississauga South, met with a number of stockholders in the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA), as part of an ongoing province-wide consultation process on developing a unified recreational trails policy.

Mr. Petersen, who is also Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, said historically mining and forestry were the big industries, employing thousands of people. However, he said with advent of new technologies these industries now, "employ machines."

Tourism, he said, is a growing industry and Ontario has lagged behind other provinces and countries in promoting the tourism attractions. He said developing a cohesive policy

on multi-use trails would be a big boost to tourism.

Mr. Petersen said in trying to develop a strategy, "we are following the lead of others." He said he is impressed with the work that has already been done in the establishment of 43,000 kilometers of trails across the province.

Noting the government doesn't "have a lot of money" for trail expansion he said in his travels he is hearing people want to maintain "what we got and build on that."

It's amazing the positive outlook I've encountered. I'm seeing real momentum."

Mr. Petersen said the trails not only benefit the users but helps lower crime rates, and trail use provide is a healthy and educational experience. He also said landowners and trail users are starting to come together to see the benefits.

Local municipalities also benefit financially, he said, if they introduce bylaws to allow use of

School lunches can be healthy and happy

Once children start school, it can be a challenge to offer healthy lunches that they will eat. Try the following tips to make lunch a hit:

Include a variety of foods. Choose from all four food groups of Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating.

Have children plan and prepare their own lunches. Provide healthy foods for them to use. Children are much more likely to eat a meal that they helped prepare.

Use cookie cutters to cut sandwiches into fun shapes such as stars and hearts.

Check with your school to see if they offer a milk program. Children who drink milk at lunch are more likely to get their daily requirement of milk products.

Use reusable containers. Packing food yourself is better for the environment. It is usually less expensive and often more nutritious than using pre-packaged foods.

Dress it up! Pack colourful napkins and fun stickers with lunch.

For more information on healthy eating for children, contact your local Public Health office. In Hastings County, call the Healthy Life Line at (613) 966-5513 ext. 610 or the Madoc office at (613) 473-4247.

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Nineteen year old arrested in ditch

Centre Hastings - A male has been arrested after he was found intoxicated Wednesday evening.

Passing motorists advised officers of the Central Hastings O.P.P. detachment of a group of young people walking along the highway, one of whom was staggering out into traffic. The officers checked the area and found the suspect sitting in the snow in the ditch on Highway 7 near Highway 62 in Madoc. The suspect was highly intoxicated and was unable to stand without assistance. Investigation revealed that the suspect was the subject of a court order directing him not to consume alcohol.

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Quality high for art show

Warkworth - Art also took the spotlight at the Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival with the 5th annual Juried Art Exhibition presented by Spirit of the Hills proving a resounding success.

The quality of the submissions improves year after year, making the task of jurying more and more arduous. This year's juror was Milly Ristvedt and her selections were as follows:

First prize winner, Robert Kranendonk (painting);
Second prize winner, Otto Feiden (painting);
Third prize winner, Lenni Workman (painting);
Fourth prize winner, Gundi Viviani-Finch (sculpture).
The exhibition was very well attended on both Satur-

day and Sunday as a variety of activities both the village and the Sugar Bush.
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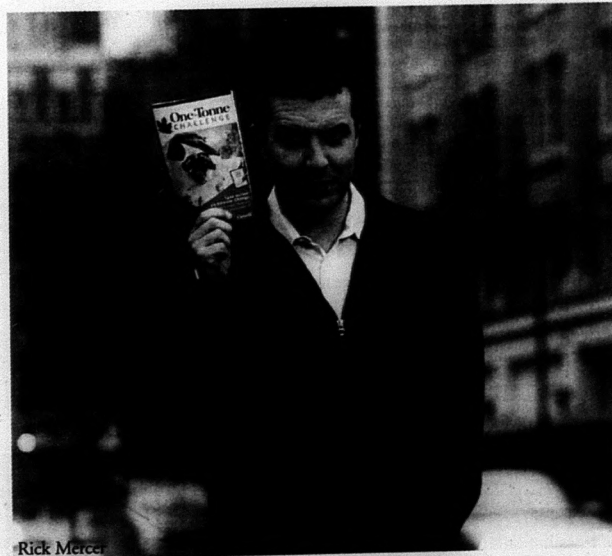
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Best In Show Award—This barn setting with a horse being shod and cats as spectators won Robert Kranendonk the Best in Show Award at the fifth annual Juried Art Show presented by the Spirit of the Hills. photo/Bob Leahy.

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Down On The Farm

Farm viability resolution okayed

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - A resolution calling on more senior government support for farm viability has won support from Asphodel-Norwood.

The Township of St. Clair has called on the federal and provincial governments to address "arbitrary changes" to farm safety net programs that "promote farm financial uncertainty."

They fear "many more unclear regulatory and administrative rules and requirements have the potential to be cost prohibitive and unworkable."

At the same time, they say, programs supporting "long standing rural infrastructure" have been eliminated or reduced.

All of this threatens the "long-term viability of Ontario farmers" and the resolution asks senior governments to:

* ensure that the implementation and application of nutrient management rules address the "concerns the farm community has repeatedly raised."

Maple sweetness will flow near Hastings

By Bill Freeman

Hastings - The maple syrup sweetness will flow at Linlor Farm near Hastings April 3 during the fifth annual Norwood Lions Maplefest -- an event that has grown steadily in popularity topping the 600 guest mark last year.

"The Lions and the Burts try to make this a very family oriented event -- a family day -- by keeping the prices affordable. And it has stayed true to that," says Lion Scott Stewart.

It is a formula that works and has been abetted by some fine weather over the years.

"Last year was beautiful," says Lori. "We've been very lucky."

What Lori and her husband Lindsay are counting on is a promising boost from Mother Nature so tapping 1,000 trees at their heritage farm can be completed before the sap runs.

"We thought we'd be tapped by now."

She keeps a close eye on long range weather forecasts and likes predictions of climbing temperatures. Plus one Celsius and sunny is promising.

"It would be nice to be tapped so we don't miss out that first day. It takes a few days to tap if everything goes well. We don't want to be tapping while it's starting. It's late enough now; it's got to come real soon."

And when it does, it will come "with a vengeance," she says.

The Burts use buckets and will continue to do so. Lindsay

logged a new trail into the bush this year so the family will have new areas to tap next year.

"Right now the buckets work."

Last year, they tapped Feb. 27-28 and the sap ran shortly after. They were finished the week after Maplefest. In fact, they had a terrific run Maplefest weekend.

"We gathered the day of Maplefest. All day and night," Lori says. "It ran like you wouldn't believe at Easter."

Maplefest visitors enjoy that all-natural treat with their pancake/sausages meal. It is a wonderful slice of Canadiana -- connecting the busy 21st century with a heritage as deep as the woods.

There will be some new additions including woodcarving and a taste-test done by the 12 members of the 4-H Maple Syrup Club.

"This is something new for us," says Lori of the 4-H Club she helps lead. "They are a really good bunch of kids."

There will be a Maplefest Quest to answer questions based on what they've learned from tours of the woods. The winner gets a maple cookbook. A visitor could also win 10 lbs of ground beef if they guess the weight of a bale of hay.

Students from three schools have already won colouring contests: Brandon Kerber, grade 1 NDPs; Chloe Murray, grade 3, Hastings and Chase White, JK

St. Paul's

Weather permitting, Lori is planning a "quiet area" for kids to draw. There will also be fishpond, a hammering and sawing area, plank board races and a back hoe centre. Youngsters (or adults for that matter) can try out their fly casting skills. The target: a sap bucket.

Wagon rides and self-guided walking tours in the bush are always popular. The Humphries family cemetery will also be open for self-guided tours.

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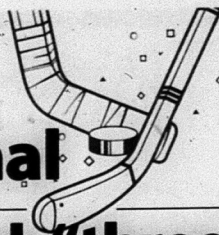
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Vipers overwhelm Lynx

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood—That's a wrap. Now the harder part begins. The Norwood J.J. Stewart Vipers threw over 80 shots at Cobourg's Rob Eliawary who was heroic for the Lynx in a 13-0 losing cause.

The win put Norwood in the EOSHJ semi-finals against Tamworth (game 3 is in Norwood Mar. 20, 7 pm) and they'll have to ratchet up the intensity level from the get-go.

"It will certainly be more intense. They're going to have to make sure they're focused because it is going to be a tough series," coach Brian Hayton said following Wednesday's blow-out. "They've got some dangerous players."

"We're going to have to be ready because in the playoffs you want to get a jump on every team."

Cobourg's goaltending kept the team in games early but Norwood was determined to get results early in game three.

"They got phenomenal goaltending, especially early," Hayton said. "The floodgates could have opened early. They kept on playing."

As it was, Norwood built up a 3-0 first period lead, then overwhelmed the Lynx in the second notching seven goals. Scott Wasson, Jason Sands and Jim McMillan each had two goals with singles to Dave Stewart, Adam Bernard, Jamie McComb, Nick Lees, Mike Temple and Andy Johnson. Wasson and Stewart added three assists with McMillan, Dow, Temple and Bernard adding two each. Paul McInnes, Sands, Johnson and Steve Thomas had single assists.

In the previous two games Norwood was slow to get off the mark but Hayton liked the



Strong game: Adam Bernard had three points for the Vipers in their clincher over Cobourg. Photo/Bill Freeman

energy level in the clincher. "We wanted to do that early, set a pace, set a tone and we kept it up for most of the game."

"You feel for them," captain Dave Stewart said. "They played hard to the end. Every time we played them their goaltender was great."

"You don't want to patronize them: where's the line?" Stewart said of the obvious difference in teams.

"We wanted to make sure it was done. The last couple of games they came out hard in the first. We wanted to make sure it was done in the first and relax a bit from there."

He and his teammates know the next series will be tougher and must be prepared to "change gears."

"We can't have the defense running in. It turns into pond hockey after a while and that's not good for anybody."

Vipers buzz: Cassandra Pugh of Havelock won the \$374 50-50 prize... Ian Donaldson picked up a rare 9 minute penalty in the first after a bout earning a five minute fighting penalty, a cross checking penalty, an instigator penalty and a game misconduct.

Campbellford—Getting a lift from their buzz-saw skating co-captain Joe Curry, the "cinderella" Campbellford Rebels have vaulted another hurdle in their quest for a third consecutive Empire League junior C title.

Curry, playing with a badly bruised shoulder that required plenty of treatment throughout the series, simply refused to be sidelined and his courageous play appeared to rub off on his teammates.

So after a so-so regular season, the Rebels found their form in the round robin with an impressive 7-3 record, and then followed through as that momentum carried them past arch-rival Napanee Raiders in the league semi-final series.

On March 8th, on home ice before a crowd of over 400 fans, Rebels completed the upset with a solid 8-4 thumping of the Raiders to capture the series four games to two. In any successful playoff surge, a team needs solid goaltending and that was provided in flawless fashion by Jeff King, who proved to be a vital factor in the Rebels' resolute play. Rebels posted 6-1, 5-4 and 4-2 victories in their first three victories over the chippy Raiders before lowering the boom 8-4. Raiders posted 8-2 and 6-3 victories.

Raiders penchant for a slash-and-hook style of play cost them big time when they took three consecutive slashing penalties. Rebels struck for two power play goals just six seconds apart and quickly took command. First, Curry found the twine high over goalie Matt Moreau's shoulder and then off a faceoff at centre, defenceman Justin McConnell flipped the puck at the Raider net in J. C. Tremblay fashion and the shot went past a startled Moreau.

Then with the manpower advantage, Raiders got back into it

on a two-on-one break but King came up big with some great stops before the Rebels' co-captain Gordie Nelson and Kevin Gourley deposited passouts from Curry and Craig Fleming respectively.

Up 4-1 entering the second period, Mike Banks offset an earlier Raider goalie by Brock Thompson to set the stage for the hectic third period. Just 74 seconds into the third it appeared over as Nelson again converted a pass from Banks.

Two Raider markers by Ryan Sharpe made it dicey for the Rebels before the pesky Fleming came through on a favourable back board bounce. Sixty four seconds later, Banks added his second from a sharp angle and that was the end of the line for the Raiders.

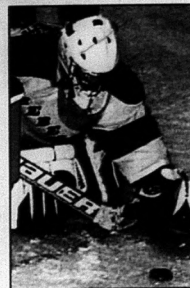
However, time after time throughout the series the net-minding wizardry of King made the difference and proved influential in demoralizing the Napanee skaters, winners of the championship 10 times in the 15-year Empire League history.

Rebels' victory sets the stage for a repeat of last year's league final with the Jets of Amherstview looking to avenge the 2004 result. But the Jets will be a worthy opponent, coming off a four-game sweep of the Picton Pirates. For the first time in recent memory, the third

and fourth place finishers will be squaring off for the league championship.

The Rebels will be in Amherstview Saturday night in game one of the best-of-seven final and game two will be played Sunday night on Campbellford ice, starting at 8 p.m.

For Rebel coach Jim Peeling the four-day lull after the team's elimination of the Raiders provided a much-needed time for many of the players to recover from the flu bug. At one point between periods of a game, Peeling had to stop talking in the dressing room due to the incessant coughing. It was just another reflection of the Rebels' determination and pride to oust the Raiders.



Jeff King, Campbellford Rebels' goaltender anchored six-game elimination of the favoured Napanee Raiders in Empire League semi-finals. Photo Rolly Either.

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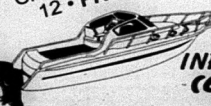
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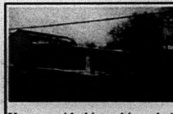
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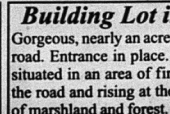
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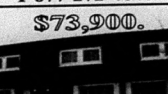


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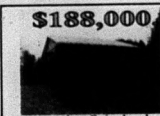
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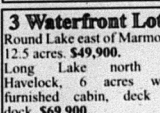
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I've just returned from CottageFest, the first spring show for serious BUYERS of Land O'Lakes property! My next show is coming up soon - Ottawa's Country Homes & Cottage Show, April 8-10th at Lansdowne Park. If you're thinking of selling, let me display your listing at the Ottawa show - where potential BUYERS go to shop!

Current Land O'Lakes WF Listings
Kashwakamak Lake unfinished cottage - MLS #2046384 - \$75,000.
Kashwakamak Lake WF winterized cottage - MLS #2050421 - \$229,000.
Kashwakamak Lake WF home - MLS #2051340 - \$259,900.
Kashwakamak Lake WF residence - MLS #2047418 - \$274,900.
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This week's REAL ESTATE GUIDE



\$89,900
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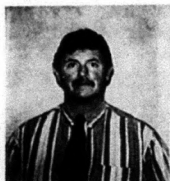
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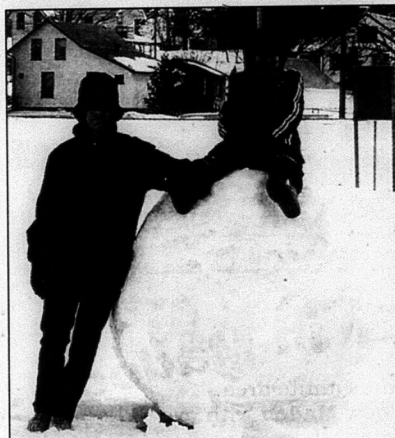
"Slooshing" takes team coordination - but when it's not working, it's still a lot fun. photo: L.J. Jackson



Sometimes it was just taking in the sunny weather and visiting with friends. photo: L.J. Jackson



Youth of all ages joined in the fun of making the biggest snowball. The snowball was great outdoor fun. photo: L.J. Jackson



Kimberley with Cassandra Allen soak up some sunshine after the snowball rolling contest. Ah - life is good with the simple things. photo: L.J. Jackson



This was a very tricky maneuver. You had to make sure you didn't end up as part of the snowball. photo: L.J. Jackson



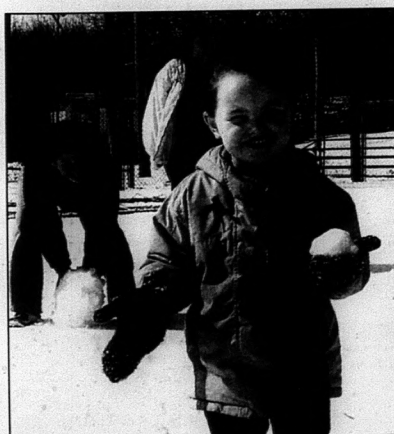
Sometimes, you have to catch up to your own snowball. The Maplefest will be having wagon rides next Saturday as part of the celebrations. photo: L.J. Jackson



Timing, coordination and team work are the winning elements in this unique game that brought peels of laughter. photo: L.J. Jackson



Oh boy, he got it this far, but how much more can one young fellow take? photo: L.J. Jackson



In the beginning, it was just a wee ball of snow, "see". The fun and games at last weekend's Maplefest are not over yet. Check out this weekend for more. photo: L.J. Jackson



Jacob Whyte led his winning team in a tug of war during last week's Maplefest activities. photo: L.J. Jackson



... and when that doesn't work, you could just pull your team to the finish line. photo: L.J. Jackson

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ASH, Helen - Peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home, on March 14, 2005 at the age of 96. Predeceased by her husband, Lorne Ash, and their only daughter, Freda, from cancer. Following cremation, a Service of Remembrance will be held at her interment in the spring, all according to her wishes. Special thanks to the Caressant Care Nursing Home in Marmora for their kind and compassionate care. Also thanks to Leo Auger & Tom Bedore for their kindness and support, enabling her to stay in her own home, as long as possible. Predeceased by 6 brothers: Wilbur, Ross, Jack, Charlie, Ira and Clayton and 4 sisters: Lil, Tessa, Flossie & Keitha. She has 2 surviving grand-daughters, 1 grandson, and 1 great-grandson.

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HARMAN - I would like to express my gratitude to the gentlemen on the Volunteer Fire Department of Madoc for their quick response in coming to my rescue on Tuesday morning, March 15. A sincere thank you. Clara Harman.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE in Havelock!
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Letter to the editor:

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paign to send a clear message
to MPPs:

The Ontario government
must immediately address the
current farm income crisis and
plan for the long-term viability
of farming in Ontario.

The Queen's Park rally gave
us momentum, but your in-

volvement at the local level will
keep politicians focused on the
farm income crisis. I urge you
to meet with, call or write your
MPP and let them know our
support for them at election
time will depend on their sup-
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Your personal involvement at
the grassroots is critical to cre-
ating a province-wide political

movement for change in farm
policy. Ultimately, victory will
depend upon keeping the pres-
sure on individual MPPs, par-
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Spring weather tempts the sap to run at Madoc Maplefest

The Great Maple has given up her sap and the wood-boiled sap is steaming at the Maplefest at Madoc. The smell of sweet smoke from the Shanty drifts across the Ball Park and SkatePark at Madoc as visitors learn about the sweet liquid, boiled the old fashioned way; taste its delight with maple syrup snow cones and purchase a few bottles. Proceeds from all sales go directly towards medical care in Centre Hastings. Visitors say it is well worth the drive. photo: L.J. Jackson

A Country of Coffee Drinkers Raises over \$1 Million to Support Alzheimer Society

CNW - For the second year in a row, generous Canadians have helped the Alzheimer Society achieve its goal of raising \$1 million to support programs and services for people living with Alzheimer Disease. A total of \$1,083,400 was raised in 2004 during the Alzheimer Coffee Break, the Society's nationwide fundraising event. A Coffee Break is a hosted gathering where friends, neighbours, customers and co-workers have a coffee and make a donation to the Alzheimer Society. "This event would not be possible without the generosity of tens of thousands of Canadians who donate their time and money to improve the lives of Canadians living with Alzheimer Disease," says Stephen Rudin, executive director of the Alzheimer Society of Canada. "Alzheimer Society volunteers can feel proud knowing that their efforts will benefit the communities in which they live and work."

An estimated 420,000 Canadians, or 1 in 13 people over the age of 65, have Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia. Alzheimer Disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disease that currently has no known causes or cure. With the aging of the baby boom generation, it is estimated that more than 750,000 Canadians will develop Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia by the year 2031 if a cure is not found. Each year in Canada, approximately \$5.5 billion is spent on Canadians with Alzheimer Disease. This amount is expected to increase dramatically as the population ages.

The 2005 Alzheimer Coffee Break will take place on Wednesday, September 21 across Canada. If you would like to host a Coffee Break or would like more information about the event, please call 1-888-815-6829.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada is grateful to

Pfizer Canada Inc., national sponsor of Coffee Break since 1997, for their support and sponsorship. Appreciation is also extended to Sara Lee and National Car Rental for their participation as in-kind sponsors.

Coffee Break is the Alzheimer Society's nationwide fundraiser. Through a network of provincial and local organizations, the Society provides support and educational programs for people with Alzheimer Disease and their caregivers, and funds research.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada's annual conference will be held April 7-9, 2005, in Regina, Saskatchewan. The annual conference is an opportunity for health-care professionals, researchers, caregivers, families, people with Alzheimer Disease and Alzheimer Society staff to meet and share expertise, practical knowledge and resources. For more information, please visit www.alzheimer.ca.

Meningitis C clinic at Trent

Peterborough - There will be a meningitis C vaccine clinic at Trent University March 30.

All grade 7 students and those 12 years of age and not

in grade seven as well as individuals born between 1985 and 1990 (inclusive) are eligible for the free vaccinations.

The Trent clinic will take

place at the athletic complex from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Family physicians are also able to provide shots to those eligible for the vaccine.



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GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER

TENDERING FOR THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF IDENTIFIED MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ASPHODEL-NORWOOD

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood will accept Tender quotations for property maintenance specified within the tender, grass maintenance. Two separate Tenders are available for different areas to be maintained.

All interested parties are to pick up tender packages at the Township office beginning Wednesday March 23, 2005 @ 12:00 p.m. Closing for tender submission will be Monday April 11, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. All submitted tenders received must be in sealed envelopes marked **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDERS** at the Municipal Office at 2357 County Road 45 Norwood Ontario, K0L 2V0.

Mr. Jason Gibbard
Township of Asphodel-Norwood
Manager of Parks & Facilities Operations



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Contract)

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood will be accepting applications for the following position(s):

Part-Time Dog Tag Seller

This contract and the requirement for the "tag seller" services will depend on the number of dog tags sold before June 30th of each year in which the agreement is in place. Seller will be required to have contacted as many dog owners as possible within the Township of Asphodel-Norwood to the best of their ability within the time frame allotted.

Term of contract April 11th - June 30th, 2005. Remuneration

\$5.00 for each tag sold.

Valid Class G drivers license and police check required.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. April 1st, 2005, in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Lorraine Brace, Clerk
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705 639 5343

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Local firefighters serve up over 900 at Annual Pancake Breakfast



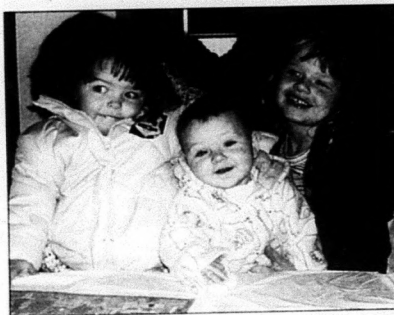
Emily Owen (aka Pappa), and Olivia Ketcheson at the pancake breakfast. Owen was able to pick a spot directly below his photo on the wall of the council chambers. He is a former Reeve for the township.



Mikayla Hubble with dad, Bryan Hubble enjoyed a family time as well as the breakfast.



Andrea Hubble's secret smile is for the good times had at the annual pancake breakfast.



Sara, Abby and Emily Reed with Judy Striker took a liking to the hearty breakfast.



Eric, Cole and Herb Channell of Stirling attend the Firefighters Breakfast at Ivanhoe every year.



It was five year old Autumn Jacques first time at the breakfast. She enjoyed her Snoopy pin and booklets from the Fire Safety department.

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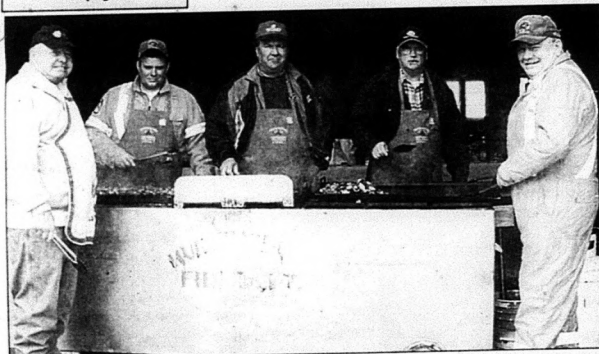
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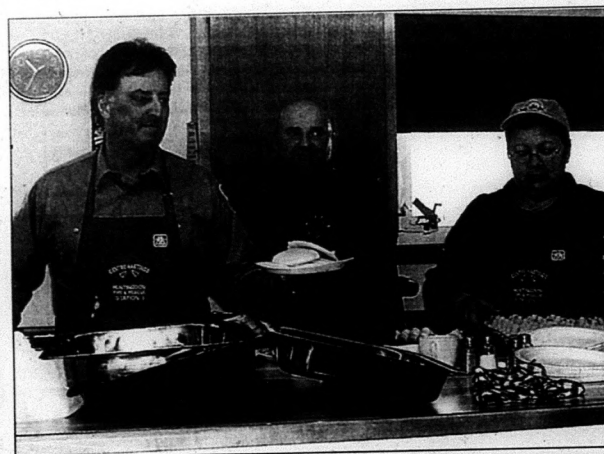
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They are dedicated Volunteers who continue to save lives. They are members of the Centre Hastings Fire Department...and they can cook too! In the photo: Former Deputy Fire Chief Jim Wallace; Bernie DeMarsh, (aka Mr. Fluffy); Garry Thompson retired former Captain; Bob O'Brien Volunteer; and Bill Pollock, Deputy Chief.



An approximate head count, said Firefighter for the Hungtingdon Hall, Jeff Newman, was over 900 allowing the fire department about \$2,800. for their annual major fundraiser.



Kasey Thompson, Danielle Foshay, Tami Timmers and Kelsey Thompson were buzzing at the pancake breakfast, serving and cleaning up as they Volunteered their time and talents.



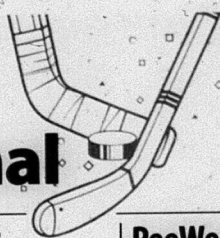
Victoria and Camille DeMarsh of Roslin stand beside Bob Pearce of Hastings PE Fire Fighters Life Safety Committee. photos by: L.J. Jackson



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Sports Regional



Vipers rebound against speedy Braves Big crowds take in playoff action

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood -- The Norwood J.J. Stewart Vipers elevated their game to match the intensity of the Tamworth Braves and it paid off in two big wins heading into a pair of crucial midweek semi-final matches.

Bouncing back from a 4-2 opening loss, the Vipers stung Tamworth 6-3 and 8-0 picking up their speed against the emergent Braves.

"We had a lot more speed," Vipers GM Terry Bovair agreed. "That was the difference, we came right at them."

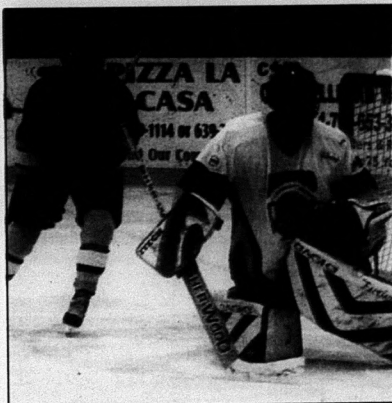
"We challenged everyone to play the way they know they can play. Individually they picked up their game," Bovair said. "The game plan was right on. Guys brought their 'A' game."

They were more "patient" and "learned some lessons" playing in Tamworth where they trailed 2-0 after just 36 seconds before rallying in the second behind a pair of goals by captain Dave Stewart.

Norwood had Nick Lees, Joe Hawley and Dave Lorentz back in the line-up and that was a factor. Hawley fired in a pair of goals including one on a beautiful shorthanded breakaway. Lees also added a pair and was hard to control off the rush.

"We got a good jump on their goalie early and it turned the momentum pretty quick," Bovair said.

Andy Johnson got the ball



Shutout hockey: Norwood Vipers goalie Ryan Aschaber picked up the team's second playoff shutout Sunday keeping Tamworth's dangerous Randy Holmes off the scoresheet. The former Ohio State star and Braves captain is a dangerous offensive threat. Photo/Bill Freeman

rolling at the 17:17 mark of the first and the Vipers built up a 4-0 first period lead with goals by Adam Bernard, Chad Birkhof and Scott Wasson. All were triggered by hard forechecking, something coach Brian Hayton was happy to see.

Lorentz and Mike Williams were strong on the puck and controlled things in the corners.

"Overall we had a good pursuit on the forecheck and were smart," Hayton said.

"They move the puck well in the back end so you've got to have positional play along with inter-

city on the forecheck to be effective. If you're overanxious and get caught out of position they can hurt you off the rush."

Bovair said the Braves caught Norwood "off guard in the first game."

"We weren't up to speed. The first game was a real feel out for us."

They started to make adjustments during the second period of game two and it paid off, he said.

The Braves are a good club and Bovair figures they began to shut things down after Norwood went up 5-0.

"That isn't the real team we're going to see."

They also shot the puck with "more purpose" instead of directly at Braves goalies Andrew Gibson and Jeff Murphy. Murphy got the hook after the fourth goal.

Norwood stopper Ryan Aschaber served up the team's

third shutout of the year and played a solid game. The Vipers outshot the Braves 33-22.

Norwood added four more goals in the second from Lorentz, Hawley (with a pair of outstanding special team markers) and Lees. Lees wrapped up the scoring late in the third with a nice wrap-around.

In the 6-3 win Williams, Wasson, McComb and Lorentz also scored with Jason Sutton and Chad Parslow, with two, scoring for Tamworth.

Vipers Buzz: It was standing room only at the A-N Community Centre producing a \$686 50-50 draw won by Wayne Hamilton of Havelock. Dave Grievies of Peterborough won the chuck-a-puck throw. The Norwood Lions made another \$10,000 donation to the Action 2000 recreation centre fundraising campaign. Canadian singing superstar Natalie McMaster was in the stands checking out the action.

PeeWee Grizzlies "C" champ

By Barb Stevens

On Feb. 19, the PeeWee Grizzlies hosted a home tournament in Marmora, visiting teams came from Havelock, Peterborough (St. Anne's and Northminster), Douro, Deseronto, Stirling and Omeme. Game 1 was Havelock defeating Centre Hastings 703. Scoring for the Grizzlies, Nick Ferguson with a hat trick, assists went to Brandon Danford, James Derry (2) and Shamel Walsh. The MVP for this game was Brandon Danford.

Game 2 was Douro over St. Anne's 10-0 and in game 3 it was Deseronto over Northminster 7-2. Game 4, Omeme defeated Stirling 8-0 and Centre Hastings defeated St. Anne's 3-1 in game 5. Grizzlie goals were scored by Walsh, Skyler Baldwin and Danford with Ferguson, Danford and Derry each earning an assist. MVP went to Kimberlyn Tait who did an awesome job between the pipes.

Game 6, Douro defeated Havelock 2-1, game 7 was Northminster over Stirling 3-2 and game 8 was Omeme over Deseronto 5-2.

In the "D" finals, Stirling St. Anne's 3-0. The "C" final Centre Hastings over minster 3-2. Denny sco assisted and Ferguson twice with Derry assisted both. Derry earned MVP.

The "B" finals saw ronto Tall Trees over lock 6-4 and the "A" onship it was Omeme Douro 3-2.

Special thanks to the mra Older Boys Sho. The winners were bot Centre Hastings: Klyn Tait won for the and James Derry won shooters.

On March 10, the Ty zlies played host to Ha Grizzlie goals were sc Shawn Franks assisted Cross and Logan Boo Cook and Hayden Sh unassisted, to defeat H 4-0, Great game, Gri

The CHMHA award is coming up. Contact your team's for tickets or call Bren ford at 613-473-2934.

Speedway gets sponsor for points competition

Brighton -- Lucas Oil Products has announced it has taken a new step towards supporting Canadian Motorsports by sponsoring the Brighton Speedway Points Fund. This latest contribution is just one of many generous ventures in sponsoring grassroots racing and will be greatly appreciated by the Brighton Speedway and the drivers.

Brighton Speedway has seen tremendous growth in its classes this year and this sponsorship along with the funds that are raised throughout the season, will contribute to the biggest points fund purse ever at the end of the season. "Points

funds are important to both the drivers and the speedway" says Mark Rinaldi, Promoter of the Brighton Speedway. "Points funds are used to increase the champions winnings of each class at the end of the season, creating a more dynamic and exciting purpose to racing. It encourages drivers to show up

every week and race for the single race che to battle for every poi can get en route to the goal of a championship. Lucas Oil has made commitment to local r Canada. This, however, first major sponsorship racetrack.

CORRECTION

In our March 18th edition of The Shield, the phone number for O'Hara's Home Furnishings is wrong. It should read:

613-392-0300

O'Haras and The Shield regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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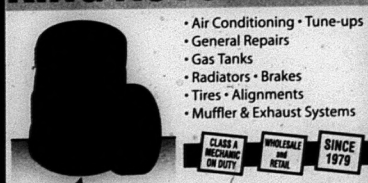
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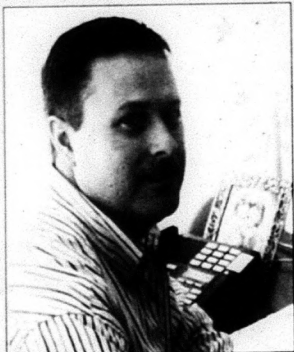
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